

RESOLUTION

Subject: Money laundering information

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Berlin, Germany, from 19 to 22 September 2005, at its 74th session:

REMINDING THAT - the Interpol General Assembly meeting in New Delhi in 1997 called upon member countries to strengthen international co-operation in the fight against money laundering (Resolution AGN/66/RES/15, 1997),

ACKNOWLEDGING as well the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (the 'Palermo Convention') and Financial Action Task Force Special Recommendation on Terrorism Financing which calls upon each country to ratify and implement the 1999 United Nations Convention for the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism as well as other United Nations resolutions relating to the prevention and suppression of the financing of terrorist acts, particularly the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373,

CONSIDERING the need to increase the flow of money laundering information between members' police authorities;

RECALLING the aims of the Organization as articulated in Article 2 of Interpol's Constitution,

BEARING IN MIND Article 32(a) of Interpol's Constitution and the Revised Interpol National Central Bureaus service standards (Resolution AG-2004-RES-13), according to which it is the function of National Central Bureaus to ensure liaison with the various departments in their countries, including the Financial Intelligence Units of their countries as well as Resolution AGN/66/RES/17 on 'Money laundering: Investigation and international police co-operation' and Resolution AGN/56/RES/11 on 'Co-operation between the banking and financial institutions and associations and law enforcement agencies',

RECOGNIZING that money laundering is becoming increasingly more global in character,

CONVINCED that the amount of money laundering information available to members' police authorities and to the General Secretariat is currently not adequate to reliably establish links and identify international criminal enterprises,

CONFIDENT that Interpol's network of National Central Bureaus, combined with the General Secretariat and Interpol's secure communication and database services can clearly add value to other resources currently available to money laundering investigations,

ENCOURAGES all National Central Bureaus to:

- Authorize Financial Intelligence Units or national agency responsible for investigating economic crimes to process information on significant cases via Interpol channels;
- Ensure that the authorized entity shall provide information and, where applicable, conduct the necessary checks and additional investigations via the authorizing National Central Bureau;
- Arrange that when processing information via Interpol channels, the authorized entities use Interpol's Money Laundering Formatted Message

Adopted.