

RESOLUTION

Subject: Rules concerning the Organization of General Assembly sessions

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Cancún from 5 to 8 October 2004 at its 73rd session:

NOTING THE CONTENTS of Report AG-2004-RAP-09, entitled "Rules concerning the Organization of General Assembly sessions",

CONSCIOUS of the need to clarify and formalize the conditions under which General Assembly sessions are organized by defining the respective obligations of the host country and of the ICPO-Interpol,

WISHING to have available a model agreement specifying the guarantees a host country should grant to delegates and General Secretariat staff participating in a General Assembly session in respect of their entry to and exit from the country and their stay in that country during the session, and should also grant to enable the session to proceed smoothly,

HAVING HEARD THE OPINION of the *ad hoc* Committee, as provided in Article 56 of the General Regulations,

REPEALS Resolution AGN/65/RES/15, which incorporated the previous rules concerning the organization of General Assembly sessions,

ADOPTS the rules appended to Report AG-2004-RAP-09, entitled "Rules concerning the Organization of General Assembly Sessions";

AMENDS the Rules of Procedure of the ICPO-Interpol General Assembly by deleting Article 3 (2) – (6) and Article 17 of the existing rules and substituting the following provisions in their place:

Article 3

Place of sessions

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- (2) In conformity with Article 3 (1) of the General Regulations, any Member of the Organization may invite the General Assembly to hold a session of the General Assembly on its territory. Its application to do so must be submitted as provided in Article 2 of the Rules concerning the Organization of General Assembly sessions.

- (3) If the General Assembly does not choose a meeting place because no invitations have been forthcoming, the session shall be held in the Headquarters country or at an alternative location that meets the requirements of Rules concerning the Organization of General Assembly sessions.*
- (4) In conformity with Article 12 of the Constitution and Article 5 of the General Regulations, the General Assembly may decide to choose another meeting place if it considers that circumstances make it impossible or inadvisable to hold the General Assembly in the meeting place chosen at a previous session. If the General Assembly is not in session, the Executive Committee or, in an urgent situation when the Executive Committee is not in session, the President, may decide to choose another meeting place if it or he considers that circumstances make it impossible or inadvisable to hold the General Assembly in the meeting place chosen at a previous session.
- (5) If the Executive Committee or the President takes such a decision, the member countries must be informed immediately.

Article 17

Obligations on countries hosting General Assembly sessions

Host countries shall fulfil the obligations set out in the Rules concerning the Organization of General Assembly Sessions and those deriving from the agreement, (signed beforehand by the inviting country) on the ICPO-Interpol's privileges and immunities during the Executive Committee and General Assembly sessions.*

*Resolution AG-2004-RES-12 (Cancún, 2004)

ASKS the Secretary General to report regularly to the Executive Committee on the state of preparations for each forthcoming General Assembly session.

**Adopted with 91 votes in favour,
2 against, and with 1 abstention.**