

RESOLUTION

Subject: Urgent action required for the effective implementation of Interpol's I-24/7 Global Communication System

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Benidorm, Spain, from 29 September to 2 October 2003 at its 72nd session:

NOTING the contents of Report AG-2003-RAP-04 and its addendum entitled Status Report on I-24/7,

RECALLING that the ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Yaoundé from 21 to 24 October 2002 at its 71st session ("Yaoundé General Assembly") called for priority action by both National Central Bureaus and the General Secretariat to permit full implementation of the I-24/7 system as soon as possible,

RECALLING ALSO that the "Yaoundé General Assembly" session asked the General Secretariat to develop and finalize common security rules and put in place without delay the basic elements of the security policy described in report AG-2002-RAP-08 and its addendum,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the progress that has been made by the Organization in connecting nearly half of Interpol's membership since January 2003,

RECOGNIZING the support given to the project by the Executive Committee, the recent African and European Regional Conferences, the Standing Committee on Information Technology, the Secretary General's I-24/7 Steering Committee, the General Secretariat and in particular by the many member countries which have already adopted the new system,

EMPHASIZING the importance of connecting all Interpol member countries to I-24/7 and discontinuing use of the X.400 network as quickly as possible, and

ESTABLISHING as a goal that each member country should have the opportunity to be connected to the system 24 hours per day,

CALLS ON all member countries that have yet to connect to give the highest priority to the implementation of I-24/7;

ASKS member countries that have already connected to I-24/7 to provide assistance where possible to the General Secretariat in its efforts to help other countries to connect to the system;

ENCOURAGES the continued improvement of services rendered possible through this new state of the art system and the provision of training for all user countries so as to maximize the utility of I-24/7 in combating international crime and terrorism;

ADOPTS the Security Charter (Appendix 1 to the addendum to Report AG-2003-RAP-04) as an important foundation for ensuring the integrity of the system and as an important first step in establishing a framework through which the mutual responsibilities of the General Secretariat and member countries in handling information and using and maintaining the I-24/7 system will be defined and adopted by Interpol; and

URGES member countries to implement, with immediate effect, the principles set out in the Security Charter within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries.

Adopted.