

RESOLUTION

Subject: Recommendations adopted, by the 5th International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents, held in Amsterdam from 10th-12th April, 2002 concerning production of travel documents and identity documents

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Yaoundé from 21-24 October 2002 at its 71st session:

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the adoption, after discussion, of four Recommendations by the Fifth International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents, at which experts from 83 member countries were present (submitted, respectively, as Recommendations Two, Five, Six, and Eight, in Appendix to Report AGN-2002-RAP-10),

HAVING EXAMINED Report AGN-2002-RAP-10 submitted by the General Secretariat,

BEARING IN MIND that a travel document's security is compromised when it may be obtained upon application using, as proof of identity, some document easier to acquire fraudulently, such as a birth certificate, or when someone other than the legal bearer may easily make use of it,

FURTHER BEARING IN MIND THAT a travel document's security is enhanced when it contains features that will help identify stolen documents, or aid the forensic analysis of counterfeits,

RECOMMENDS:

- (1) that all official documents related to the identity of the bearer, including a declaration of a lost document, contain security features;
- (2) that each individual travel document contain a unique link between itself and the legal bearer which can be established by a first-line check;
- (3) that all national-level identity documents of a given member country contain a single standardized feature common to all documents issued by that country;
- (4) that each individual travel document should have an assigned identification number, entered on the biographic data page at the time of production.

Adopted.