

RESOLUTION

Subject: Interpol Convention: Setting up a Working Group

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

BEARING IN MIND the conclusions of Report AG-2002-RAP-05 on the need to assess the possible legal obstacles to the development of the Organization and to the full co-operation of its Member States in the Interpol system,

CONSCIOUS of the need to identify clearly and precisely the existence and the extent of these obstacles as an essential preliminary to any attempt to develop solutions,

DEEMING it essential that an in-depth study be conducted as soon as possible,

ENDORSES the proposal set out in the above-mentioned Report to set up a Working Group whose terms of reference are appended to the present resolution (see Appendix 2.1);

DECIDES therefore to set up a Working Group according to the conditions defined in Report AG-2002-RAP-05 (See Appendix 2.1);

ADOPTS the Working Group's Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 2.1 of the present resolution;

ASKS the Secretary General to make available the necessary resources for the Working Group to run effectively;

URGES Member States to become involved in the study and to participate actively in the tasks of the Working Group;

ASKS the Working Group to report to the General Assembly at its 72nd ordinary session, to be held in 2003.

Adopted.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP

NAME

Working Group to assess the legal obstacles to co-operation within the Interpol system (the Yaoundé Group)

LIFESPAN

From 71st to 72nd session of the Organization's General Assembly

ORIGIN OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Set out in Resolution AG-2002-RES-17 of the General Assembly (71st session, held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, 2002)

BUDGET

100,000 euros

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Working Group to assess the legal obstacles to co-operation within the Interpol system is charged with analysing possible legal obstacles which may constitute, both at the level of the Organization and of the Member States, a hindrance to the development of the Organization and to the efficiency of its co-operation system, particularly with regard to the exchange and processing of police information.

Once these have been established, the Working Group will also discuss possible judicial solutions to the problems identified.

Regular reports will be sent to the Executive Committee via the Strategic Development Sub-Committee.

The Working Group's final report will be submitted to the General Assembly session in 2003.

COMPOSITION

The Working Group will be made up of officials from the General Secretariat and representatives from the National Central Bureaus or, at the request of the latter, from ministries of the States concerned. Member States will take part in the activities of the Working Group at their own expense.¹

The Working Group may call upon one or more external experts/consultants.

Secretarial support for the Working Group will be provided by the Secretary General who will appoint one or more of the Organization's officials for this purpose.

The Working Group will determine its own rules of procedure, according to its needs and in the format of its choice.

The Working Group will appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair. They will be responsible for coordinating activities and reporting to the General Assembly at its session in 2003.

DATES AND LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS

The Working Group will decide the dates and locations for its meetings.

If a Member State proposes that one or more of the Working Group's meetings be held on its territory, it will be responsible for organizing the meeting(s) in co-operation with the Working Group Secretariat and ensuring that all members of the Working Group are able to take part in the meeting without let or hindrance.

¹ Including travel/accommodation expenses at meeting locations.