

RESOLUTION

Subject: Interpol Global Communication System 24/7 (I-24/7)

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

ENDORISING the decision to cancel the Atlas Project for the reasons outlined in the document entitled "The Atlas Project and Beyond: Background and the Way Forward" and to replace it with the Interpol Global Communication System 24/7 (I-24/7),

NOTING THE CONTENTS of Report AG-2002-RAP-21, entitled "Interpol Global Communication System - 24/7",

RECALLING that the X.400 communications system costs are increasing significantly and that the system no longer meets the Organization's needs,

RECOGNIZING the support expressed by the Executive Committee and the SCIT for the I-24/7 system after having examined the project in detail,

DEEMING IT NECESSARY to support the General Secretariat's efforts to provide a flexible approach to connecting each NCB, and to assist the Secretariat in implementing the new system quickly while together identifying the least costly solutions and thereby eliminating unnecessary administrative costs,

ENDORSES the I-24/7 system, which has the potential to substantially improve and increase police co-operation and data exchanges within the Interpol community;

CALLS for priority action by both NCBs and the General Secretariat to continue, in an expeditious manner, with the testing currently underway in order to permit full implementation of the I-24/7 system as soon as possible;

AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to reimburse NCBs, wholly or in part, expenses incurred by the setting-up and functioning of the new communication system within the limits of the budget allocated to this project and according to criteria to be defined by the Secretary General;

FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to transfer ownership of the equipment to the NCBs where appropriate;

URGES Member States and the SCIT, when possible, to provide further support and assistance for a smooth country-based roll-out of the project;

DECIDES to create a users' advisory group, to include NCB representatives, who will be responsible for advising the General Secretariat on the improvement of formatted messages, secure websites, database access and communication tools;

ENCOURAGES Member States, in collaboration and partnership with the General Secretariat, to define mutual responsibilities, particularly with regard to security considerations, and performance criteria, in order to promote trust in the use of I-24/7.

Adopted.