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| <p>RESOLUTION AGN/67/RES/10</p> <p>SUBJECT:</p> <p>Legislation, co-ordination and police co-operation to combat currency counterfeiting</p> | <p>TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>1 copy in the CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES:<br/>Year 1998</p> <p>1 copy in the SUBJECT SERIES:<br/>Heading: Counterfeiting and forgery</p> |
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### TEXT OF RESOLUTION

NOTING THE CONTENTS of Report No. 16 and Resolution 9/FOMON/RES/6 adopted by the Ninth International Conference on Currency Counterfeiting,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Cairo from 22nd to 27th October 1998 at its 67th session:

#### RECOMMENDS THAT:

- (1) The appropriate authorities in member countries ensure that the ICPO-Interpol is definitively recognized as an International Central Office for the Suppression of Currency Counterfeiting, according to Article 15 of the Geneva Convention of 20th April 1929 (updated version of Resolution No. 1 of the 3rd International Conference for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency);
- (2) The Interpol NCBs should draw the attention of governments which have not yet done so, to the need to accede to the Geneva Convention of 20th April 1929 (8/FOMON/RES/1);
- (3) All member countries should furnish evidence that can be used to prove that the genuine currency which has been imitated is current and legal tender in the country of issue, by:
  - (a) sending certified copies of the applicable currency legislation when requested to do so in connection with judicial proceedings, and if necessary,
  - (b) sending official representatives to appear before the courts as expert witnesses on their currency, when officially invited by the judicial or police authorities (8/FOMON/RES/6);

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- (4) Member countries, which do not have legislation making it a criminal offence to pass on counterfeit banknotes without lawful authority, should institute such legislation (8/FOMON/RES/7);
- (5) The Interpol General Secretariat should be represented at Banknote Printers Conferences (9/FOMON/RES/1);
- (6) The Japanese Business Machines Makers Association should be asked to help the Interpol General Secretariat to co-ordinate the identification of colour copiers by the BITMAP system (9/FOMON/RES/2);
- (7) The issuing institutes in Interpol member countries should use publications, CD-Roms, the Internet or any other means to inform the public about the ways of identifying genuine banknotes (9/FOMON/RES/3);
- (8) Liaison officers working in other areas should be made aware of the problems associated with currency counterfeiting so that they can assist national specialized units more effectively (9/FOMON/RES/4);
- (9) Member States should provide the International Central Office for the Suppression of Currency Counterfeiting located at the Interpol General Secretariat in Lyons, France, with forensic staff, additional specialized officers and administrative personnel, in order to allow the Office to fulfil its mandate more effectively (9/FOMON/RES/5);

CONSIDERING that the "Counterfeits and Forgeries" Review is an official ICPO-Interpol publication which has the support of the issuing institutes and consequently constitutes an effective means of prevention in the fight against counterfeit currency,

The General Assembly FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT:

- (a) Those countries which have not yet done so should adopt penal provisions prohibiting the imitation, either in whole or in part, of banknotes or coins unless the competent authorities of the country in which such banknotes or coins are legal tender have approved such imitations;
- (b) Co-operation between the National Central Bureaus, the departments specialized in combating counterfeit currency, the issuing institutes and the ICPO-Interpol General Secretariat, should be intensified with a view to preventing the circulation of such imitations;
- (c) The issuing institutes should collaborate with the ICPO-Interpol by sending its General Secretariat all useful documentation which will help it carry out its role as efficiently as possible (7/FOMON/RES/1).

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