Resolution No AGN/68/RES/2

The Financing of Terrorism

HAVING EXAMINED Report AGN/68/RAP/18 entitled the Financing of Terrorism,

BEARING IN MIND the recommendation presented to the Member States of INTERPOL by the delegation of Sri Lanka at the 14th Symposium on International Terrorism at Colombo, Sri Lanka, September 1999,

GUIDED by the purposes and principles of the Constitution of INTERPOL,

DEEPLY DISTURBED by the escalation of terrorist acts, which are being carried out worldwide,

STRESSING the need to strengthen further international co-operation between States and between international organizations and agencies, regional organizations, and the United Nations as well as through INTERPOL in order to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

RECALLING the Convention on offences and certain other acts committed on board aircraft, the Convention for the suppression of unlawful seizure of aircraft, the Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of Civil Aviation, the Convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against internationally protected persons including diplomatic agents, the Convention against the taking of hostages, the Convention on the physical protection of nuclear material, the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts of violence at airports serving international civil aviation, the Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime Navigation, the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the Continental Shelf, the Convention on the marking of plastic explosives for the purpose of detection, and the Convention for the suppression of terrorist bombings,

RECALLING the Declaration on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, contained in the General Assembly resolution 50/6 of 24th October 1995,

RECOGNIZING the urgent need to enhance international co-operation to prevent terrorist financing and to develop appropriate legal instruments,

The INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Seoul from 8th to 12th November 1999 at its 68th session:

AGREES that the fight against international terrorism is one of the main aims of INTERPOL's action in carrying out its general activities of police co-operation;

STRONGLY CONDEMNS all terrorist acts, methods and practices as criminal and unjustifiable;

REITERATES that criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in

the general public or in a group of persons or particular persons for political purposes, cannot be justified under any circumstances, irrespective of considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other nature that may be invoked to justify them;

REITERATES its call upon all INTERPOL Member States to implement the provisions of General Assembly resolution <u>AGN/67/RES/12</u>, known as the "Cairo Declaration against Terrorism", a copy of which is attached;

REITERATES its call upon all INTERPOL Member States to adopt further measures in accordance with the relevant provisions of international law, to prevent terrorism and to strengthen international co-operation in combating terrorism and, to that end:

- (1) AGAIN CALLS UPON all INTERPOL Member States to refrain from financing, encouraging, or otherwise supporting terrorist activities wherever and by whomsoever committed:
- (2) URGES all INTERPOL Member States which have not yet done so to consider, as a matter of priority, becoming parties to the relevant conventions and protocols, including the Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, and calls upon all Member States of INTERPOL to enact, as appropriate, their own national laws to permit implementation of the provisions of those conventions and protocols, to ensure that the perpetrators of terrorist acts can be brought to trial before their courts and to allow co-operation with, and provide support and assistance, including that of INTERPOL, for other States and relevant international and regional organizations to that end;
- (3) DECIDES to support all efforts to adopt the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Financing at the 54th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, including the use of INTERPOL as a channel for the exchange of information between law enforcement authorities;
- (4) RECOMMENDS that the NCBs of Member States facilitate the exchange, between their appropriate authorities, of information relating to the financing of terrorism within the framework to be provided by the proposed United Nations Convention on the Financing of Terrorism.