RESOLUTION No. AGN/55/RES/4

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SUBJECT

Terrorism and trafficking in weapons and explosives

## TEXT OF RESOLUTION

BEARING IN MIND that the essential role of the police is to prevent crime and enforce the law,

CONSIDERING that violent crime and terrorism are increasing day by day, and that the victims of such crimes are politicians, leaders, law enforcement authorities, defenceless men, women and children,

CONSIDERING that terrorism is the most dangerous form of violent crime threatening mankind,

CONSCIOUS of the fact that criminals and terrorists require weapons and explosives in order to commit their crimes,

EMPHASIZING the fact that criminals in general and terrorists in particular obtain arms and explosives illegally through an active international trafficking organization operating outside the law,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the fact that trafficking in arms and explosives is an international crime.

RECOGNIZING that police work is severely hampered by the lack of adequate international exchange of information,

RECALLING the Resolutions previously adopted by the General Assembly:

- AGN/32/RES/1, Helsinki, 1963: Identification of firearms and ammunition
- AGN/37/RES/1, Tehran, 1968: Sale, possession and transport of firearms
- AGN/41/RES/11, Frankfurt, 1972: Control of trade in firearms

- AGN/43/RES/8, Cannes, 1974: Small firearms, ammunition and explosives purchased by private individuals abroad; exchange of information between member countries
- AGN/50/RES/2, Nice, 1981: Tagging of explosives
- AGN/51/RES/6, Torremolinos, 1982: Weapons on board aircraft
- AGN/53/RES/6, Luxembourg, 1984: Violent crime commonly referred to as terrorism
- AGN/54/RES/1, Washington, 1985: International terrorism and unlawful interference with civil aviation.

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Belgrade from 6th to 13th October 1986 at its 55th session:

- (1) RECOMMENDS that illicit traffic in weapons and explosives should not be considered as a simple crime of smuggling in national legal texts, but as a specific crime in itself, as serious as, or more serious than, drug trafficking;
- (2) REQUESTS that police, customs, coastguard and other security services' surveillance operations be intensified at international borders, coasts, ports and airports, in order to prevent trafficking in weapons and explosives;
- (3) DECIDES that a special form should be created to assist with the investigation of the entire weapons and explosives trafficking operation, i.e. determining the manufacturer, the buyer, successive sales, methods of concealment, means of transport, routes taken, identification of traffickers and importers, etc. and instructs the General Secretariat to prepare a draft form for submission to the 56th session of the General Assembly.

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