

RESOLUTION No. AGN/55/RES/13	TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
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Extradition	Year: 1986
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	Heading: Extradition and mutual assistance in criminal proceedings

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

HAVING BEEN INFORMED of Recommendation No. 2 entitled "Improvement of extradition procedures" adopted at the First Meeting of Heads of National Drugs Services of Interpol Member States in the Americas, held in Santiago, Chile, from 1st to 3rd July 1986,

DESIRING that the fight against international crime should be facilitated by the adoption of appropriate legal instruments to allow the arrest and extradition of offenders,

AWARE of the important role the ICPO-Interpol could play in the first stages of extradition proceedings,

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

APPROVES the recommendation mentioned above and attached to the present resolution;

INVITES the NCBs of Member States in the Americas to take the necessary measures with a view to obtaining the ratification of the Inter-American Convention on Extradition and ensuring that requests for provisional arrest can be sent through ICPO-Interpol channels.

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RECOMMENDATION No. 2

IMPROVEMENT OF EXTRADITION PROCEDURES

CONSIDERING THAT:

- (a) Between 1879 and 1940, nine multilateral conventions and numerous bilateral agreements on extradition were signed and ratified,
- (b) All these instruments stipulate that requests for extradition should be sent through diplomatic or consular channels,
- (c) This procedure is very slow, and therefore allows criminals to go unpunished,
- (d) An Inter-American Convention on Extradition was adopted in Caracas, Venezuela, on 25th February 1981,
- (e) The Caracas Convention contained provisions to streamline extradition procedures,
- (f) Despite being signed by almost all American countries the Convention has only been ratified by Venezuela,
- (g) Until such time as the Inter-American Convention on Extradition has been ratified by the countries it will remain a dead letter and will be of no use whatsoever,

The First Meeting of Heads of National Drugs Services of Interpol Member States in the Americas, meeting in Santiago, Chile, from 1st to 3rd July 1986,

RECOMMENDS:

- (1) That delegations request their countries' governments, through their NCBS, to ratify the Inter-American Convention on Extradition, signed in Caracas, Venezuela, on 25th February 1981;
- (2) That delegations ask their governments, when ratifying the Convention, to give a firm undertaking that requests for arrest with a view to extradition and requests for precautionary measures will be made through the National Central Bureaus of the International Criminal Police Organization, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 10 and 14 of the Convention.

