

RESOLUTION No. AGN/54/RES/9

SUBJECT:

Construction of the new
Headquarters

TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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Heading: Basic texts and internal
administration of the ICPO-Interpol

Sub-heading: Financial matters and
the Financial Regulations

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

BEARING IN MIND Resolution No. AGN/53/RES/4 entitled "Headquarters Building Project",

HAVING BEEN INFORMED of the Executive Committee's choice of Lyons as the location for the Organization's new Headquarters,

BEARING IN MIND the Agreement signed on 22nd March 1985 between the City of Lyons and Interpol,

NOTING that by virtue of this Agreement a site of 14,500 square metres has been placed at the Organization's disposal for 99 years, thereby permitting the construction of a guaranteed minimum of 20,000 square metres (external dimensions) in one or more stages,

HAVING HEARD in Committee the Secretary General's report on the preliminary studies conducted on the construction of the new Headquarters and the transfer of the General Secretariat to Lyons, and on the current status of these projects,*

RECALLING that the total sum allocated for these projects is made up of the sum allocated to the Capital Investment Fund for this purpose, plus the proceeds of the sale of the present Headquarters, minus the total cost of the transfer,

CONSIDERING that any estimates of the cost of the building made at present must comprise some margin of uncertainty about the final costs which, in any case, will exceed the sums allocated for the project since the October 1985 assessment amounts to 26 million Swiss francs, excluding tax,

* phrase missing from the English text adopted in Washington

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CONVINCED of the urgent need to implement the new Headquarters Building Project which has been suspended for many years now, making normal operation of the General Secretariat increasingly difficult,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Washington, D.C. from 1st to 8th October 1985 at its 54th session:

APPROVES implementation of the project submitted by the Secretary General and the Executive Committee with the following characteristics:

- 6,745 square metres of usable surface area for offices, the conference hall, and the staff canteen,
- 300 square metres of accommodation for staff living on the premises,
- 6,600 square metres (external dimensions) for technical premises and car parks;

DECIDES that the above surfaces shall constitute a maximum not to be exceeded, and that the Secretary General shall continue to try to reduce some surfaces as a consequence of the reorganization that is already in progress;

EMPOWERS the Secretary General to assume for this building project, under the supervision of the Executive Committee - and in the intervals between its meetings under that of the President of the Organization - the functions of Project Owner, including the power to take decisions regarding the technical programme, the implementation process, the signing of contracts and payment of sums due and, in general, the direction of the whole operation;

EMPOWERS the Executive Committee to decide on the sale of the present Headquarters and to determine the conditions of the sale, and empowers the Secretary General to make the sale as decided;

ASKS the Secretary General to study the possibility of a financing system that would cover the cost of the operation, either totally or partially, by a loan to be repaid by the interest accruing from the investment, for the duration of the loan repayment period, of the funds currently set aside for the operation;

EMPOWERS the Executive Committee to implement such a financing system even if circumstances make it necessary to exceed the total sum allocated;

ASKS the Executive Committee and the Secretary General to report back regularly to the General Assembly on the progress of the project and on its financial situation as soon as more accurate estimates make this possible.