

RESOLUTION No. AGN/53/RES/8

SUBJECT:

REQUESTS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION  
AND/OR DOCUMENTATION ON MATTERS  
OTHER THAN ONGOING POLICE CASES

TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1 copy in the CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES:  
Year 1984

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Heading: General rules governing  
international co-operation between  
police departments or agencies  
carrying out police duties

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

Sub-heading: Role of the General  
Secretariat and the National Central  
Bureaus

TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION

CONSCIOUS of the constitutional limits to Interpol's activities  
(Article 2 of the Constitution),

DESIROUS of improving international co-operation through Interpol channels  
in respect of requests for general information and/or documentation,

WISHING to reduce the number of such requests and consequently also the  
workload of the NCBs called upon to respond to them,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 4th to  
11th September 1984 at its 53rd session:

ASKS the NCBs to observe the rules given below.

1. Before sending a request for general information and/or documentation  
through Interpol channels, NCBs should first ensure:
  - (a) that the request is in conformity with the Organization's aims as  
laid down in Article 2 of the Constitution;
  - (b) that the request is the most appropriate way of solving their problem.

2. NCBs should give a clear and detailed description and definition of the subject of any request for general information and/or documentation, adding the reasons for the request and its context. They should also state the languages in which the information is required.
3. Except in justifiable circumstances, NCBs should give serious consideration to the possibility of sending requests for general information and/or documentation to the General Secretariat first, or of consulting the Secretariat before making a request; only if the General Secretariat is unable to reply should they themselves contact other NCBs, taking into account the fact that the General Secretariat may have indicated which NCBs are likely to possess the information required.
4. NCBs should, on their own initiative, send the General Secretariat any appropriate information which is available in their countries and which is likely to be of value for international co-operation as general information and/or documentation, as well as copies of any information of this type sent to other NCBs.

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