RESOLUTION No. AGN/48/RES/7

SUBJECT:

CURRENCY COUNTERFEITING

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Sub-heading: Currency counterfeiting and forgery (notes and coins)

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of Report No. 10 entitled "Counterfeit currency: 1978 Data" submitted by the General Secretariat,

HAVING DISCUSSED, in committee, the problems posed by the manufacture of, and traffic in, counterfeit currency,

NOTING that this form of crime continues to be a cause of concern for a large number of countries.

DESIRING to improve international co-operation in this field and to step up the fight against this type of criminal activity,

THE I.C.P.O.-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Nairobi from 4th to 11th September 1979 at its 48th session:

RECOMMENDS:

- That steps be taken to increase and speed up the exchange of information, between NCBs and with the General Secretariat, on all matters connected with the methods and equipment used to manufacture counterfeit currency, the circulation of counterfeit currency, its identification and seizure, the movements of criminals and suspects implicated in this type of crime and the methods of preventing and investigating such cases;
- That the NCBs send the General Secretariat, as rapidly as possible, all the technical details required for publication, in the Review "Counterfeits and Forgeries", of the characteristics of currency counterfeits or forgeries, forwarding specimens of the counterfeited or forged banknotes or coins whenever possible;
- That contacts and collaboration between the NCBs on the one hand and the local police authorities and banking establishments on the other be increased and, if necessary, better organised so that the NCBs can play their full role in the fight against currency counterfeiting;
- That the public be better informed, whenever appropriate, about the characteristics of the most common counterfeits and forgeries;

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- That the General Secretariat pursue its contacts with colour-copier manufacturers to assess the dangers that might result, in the field of currency counterfeiting, from the abuse of these machines which are becoming more and more highly developed, and that the NCBs remain vigilant in this respect;
- That the appropriate authorities take due account of the harm that might arise from the proliferation and abuse of publicity-type banknotes, and consider adopting suitable legislation.

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