

RESOLUTION No. AGN/47/RES/4

SUBJECT:

THEFT AND FRAUDULENT USE OF  
AIRLINE PASSENGER TICKETS.

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crime, tax offences.

Sub-heading: Exchange control regulations:  
related offences

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

HAVING STUDIED Reports 8 and 9 concerning the theft and fraudulent use of airline tickets,

NOTING THAT in many countries passenger tickets are fraudulently obtained, stolen, fraudulently altered and counterfeited and used for illicit purposes, particularly in connection with currency exchange, and that such activities currently constitute a form of international crime,

CONSIDERING THAT the fight against this form of crime can be improved by co-operation,

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Panama City from 19th to 26th October 1978 at its 47th session:

EXPRESSES THE WISH THAT co-operation between the airline companies and the police be instituted or reinforced, as the case may be, in order to permit better development of investigations;

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CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY for the police officers responsible for these investigations to be given adequate information about the procedures for issuing and validating such tickets;

EMPHASISES THE BENEFIT to be derived from the setting up, in certain countries, of police units specialising in such matters;

DRAWS ATTENTION to the importance of study by all the institutions concerned of prevention measures such as the security of airline offices and travel agencies against ticket thefts, increased security arrangements for postal shipments of tickets, improvement of ticket validation procedures, and the use, in the manufacture of such tickets, of means for preventing counterfeiting;

RECOMMENDS :

a) That the exchanges of information should continue between the General Secretariat and the appropriate international bodies, and between police organisations and airlines at the local level, for the study and implementation of measures to combat this type of crime;

b) That appropriate procedures be implemented to ensure adequate investigation and prosecution of offenders even if the offence was committed abroad;

c) That co-operation be reinforced in this field between the member countries to make it possible to identify, search for and prosecute persons committing theft, fraudulent alteration, counterfeiting and/or illicit trafficking of airline passenger tickets;

c) That, insofar as communicating lists of such tickets and modus operandi of offenders is concerned, good co-ordination be established between the NCBs, the General Secretariat and the appropriate organisations, to ensure that information is circulated and transmitted rapidly and efficiently to the services concerned without any duplication.

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