RESOLUTION No. AGN/41/RES/5
 	
SUBJECT:
 	
S L A V E R Y.
	To be classified as follows:
	
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	    Sub-heading: Constitution, Application of article 3.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

IN VIEW OF the Slavery Convention signed in Geneva in 1926; the Protocol of 1953; the Supplementary Convention on the Aboliton of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery, signed in Geneva in 1956; the Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour adopted on 25th June 1957 in Geneva;

IN VIEW OF the Special Arrangement between the ICPO-INTERPOL and the United Nations, approved on 20th May 1971 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council;

IN VIEW OF the United Nations Economic and Social Council Resolution No. 1695 (L II) of 16th June 1972 which, in paragraph 6, calls on the International Criminal Police Organization to provide information and extend its assistance to the United Nations for the purpose of eliminating slavery, the slave trade and institutions and practices similar to slavery;

BEARING IN MIND that acts which put or maintain persons in a state of slavery, those which constitute the slave trade and those which are designated as institutions and practices similar to slavery, to which reference is made hereinafter, are defined by the above-mentioned Conventions of 1926, 1956 and 1957;

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Frankfurt from 19th to 26th September 1972 at its 41st session;

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DECIDES that, to the extent that its Constitution - notably Article 3 thereof - allows it to do so, the ICPO-INTERPOL shall extend its assistance to the United Nations in the fight against acts which create or maintain slavery or similar conditions, and in the compilation of information relating to such acts;

REQUESTS the responsible police authorities in affiliated countries:

1)   To ask the competent police services under their command:

    a) To take into consideration acts which give rise to or maintain slavery, acts which constitute the slave trade or similar practices as defined by the above-mentioned Conventions;

    b) To take all necessary measures to ensure the collection and centralisation of information relating to such acts;

    c) To remain at the disposal of the victims of such acts, in order to record their evidence and complaints, and to ensure their protection;

2)   To remind them that they should make all necessary enquiries into the activities of those responsible for such acts when it is established that they have violated the penal law, and bring them before the competent courts for prosecution;

3)   To make it possible, in countries where such problems arise, for part of the training programmes for police personnel to be devoted to a survey of questions relating to slavery, the relevant international conventions and the provisions of national laws punishing acts which give rise to or maintain slavery, the slave trade or similar practices, and to provide their assistance to any countries which request their help in this field;

ASKS:

1)   The Heads of the INTERPOL National Central Bureaus:

    a) To exchange with the other National Central Bureaus all available information concerning such acts, in order to identify those responsible and make possible their prosecution;

    b) To send to the General Secretariat each year the concrete information which they collect concerning such acts;

2)   The General Secretariat to draw up for the United Nations an annual report on the evolution of this type of crime mentioning, in particular, the cases reported by the National Central Bureaus, the routes of the international slave trade which may have been discovered, and the action undertaken by the ICPO-INTERPOL with regard to the search for information and law enforcement.

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