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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONSIDERING that certain aspects of modern international criminality, such as the holding of hostages with the intention of perpetrating blackmail or other forms of extortion, have developed to the extent of constituting a severe menace to the life and safety of persons as well as the security of property,

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

RECOMMENDS that member countries take appropriate measures in order to prevent or suppress these forms of criminality, and co-operate among themselves utilising the existing machinery and services of INTERPOL, within the limits of Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the Organization (1).

(1) ARTICLE 2

The aims of the International Criminal Police Organization-INTERPOL are:

- a) To ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries and in the spirit of the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights";
- b) To establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes.

ARTICLE 3

It is strictly forbidden for the Organization to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character.