RESOLUTION No. AGN/40/RES/10

SUBJECT:

ILLICIT DRUG CULTIVATION: DESTRUCTION

OF OPIUM-POPPY CROPS

To be classified as follows:

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Heading: Drugs

Sub-heading: Opium and its derivatives

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONSIDERING that seizures of opium and its derivatives are taking place over a wider area and are increasing in volume and number;

CONSIDERING that cutting off the sources of production of opium would have a direct and decisive effect on the illicit traffic in particularly dangerous drugs (i.e. morphine and heroin);

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Ottawa from 6th to 11th September 1971 at its 40th session:

URGES those countries where the opium poppy is grown:

- 1) To take all possible steps to detect illicit crops and to destroy them;
- 2) To institute extremely strict controls of licit crops at the production and sales stages so as to avoid their being diverted to illicit markets;

CONSIDERING that synthetic substances are now available which can be used instead of opium and its derivatives;

EXPRESSES the wish that licit crops be progressively limited and subsequently eliminated to make way for crops of use to humanity.