



Resolution No. 5

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Subject: Supporting countries in their efforts to identify and investigate online child sexual exploitation

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in New Delhi, India, from 18 to 21 October 2022 at its 90th session:

CONSIDERING that the protection of children is a priority for all member countries,

AWARE that online child sexual exploitation and abuse is an ever growing crime area common to all member countries,

CONSIDERING that such abuse is often documented in the form of images and videos, constituting evidence of a crime and perpetuating the victimization of depicted children, and that the analysis of such material by investigators can lead to a specific jurisdiction for investigation, arrest and prosecution of the offender, and the safeguarding of the children from harm,

RECALLING INTERPOL's long-standing commitment to combating offences against children, as evidenced by previous Resolutions aiming to combat the sexual exploitation of children, especially Resolution AG-2005-RES-09 addressing websites offering child sexual abuse material and trafficking of children on the Internet; Resolution AGN/65/RES/9 addressing the production, distribution and possession of child sexual abuse material; and Resolution AGN/65/RES/10 addressing the improvement of international police co-operation in combating offences against children,

RECALLING in particular Resolution AG-2011-RES-08, promoting victim-centric management of child abuse material at the national level,

NOTING that INTERPOL's International Child Sexual Exploitation database (ICSE) is a key instrument in this international effort, enabling the collection and analysis of abuse material, and collaboration among specialized units towards the apprehension of offenders and identification of child victims,

NOTING that trained law enforcement units, well equipped and dedicated to the investigation of online child sexual exploitation and abuse offences are critical to an effective coordinated international response to this criminal activity, and to the protection of children globally,

URGES member countries to establish such specialized units and for the National Central Bureaus to authorize such specialized units to connect to the ICSE database;

URGES member countries connected to ICSE to upload and analyze material in the database, thereby contributing to international investigation and prevention efforts;

URGES the NCBs to proactively report to the General Secretariat on steps taken towards establishing such specialized units, as well as steps towards connecting to and using the ICSE database so that tangible progress can be measured;

URGES member countries, to adopt any needed policies and regulations that would enable such specialized dedicated units to effectively carry out their duties in response to online child sexual exploitation and abuse offences.

Adopted