

CONTINENTAL MEETINGS

African Continental Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Seudié (Cameroon). After the report prepared by the General Secretariat had been read out, he welcomed the two new African member countries: Guinea-Bissau and Namibia, which brought the total number of African Members of Interpol up to 49.

Regional Activities

The report on regional activities organized by the General Secretariat was read out. It referred in particular to:

- The training course on detecting illicit drug trafficking, held in January 1991 in Tanzania;
- The HONLEA Conference for the West African Region, held in Abuja, Nigeria;
- The 1st African Regional Meeting on stolen motor vehicles, held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 24th to 26th March 1992;
- The meeting on African networks trafficking in heroin and cocaine, held in Tunis in October 1992.

A special meeting on methaqualone abuse would very probably take place in the first half of 1993 in India.

The Head of the General Secretariat's Technical Support Division then gave a presentation on regional modernization.

The Côte d'Ivoire Delegate said that everything was now ready for the installation of the Sub-Regional Bureau in Abidjan.

The General Secretariat's liaison officer for Africa spoke about a project for a regional drugs meeting, referred to as "Africa-Stup". The project proposed was adopted unanimously.

Day-to-day co-operation

The Libyan Delegate expressed his concern about the theft of works of art from museums. He

suggested that the subject be included on the agenda of the next Regional Conference.

Date and meeting place for the next Regional Conference

The Zimbabwean Delegate confirmed that the next African Regional Conference could take place in Harare, in April 1993.

American Continental Meeting

Mr. Villareal (Mexico) was elected to chair the meeting.

Regional Activities

The General Secretariat representative announced that the Working Party on Organized Crime would meet from 1st to 4th December 1992 in Rio de Janeiro.

The United States Delegate referred to the financial difficulties of certain countries, and thought that it would be judicious to inform the General Assembly that the American Continental Meeting requested suspension, for some of the poorer countries, of the decision to increase members' mini-

mum contributions automatically from one to two budget units. That request was supported by the United Kingdom and Aruba. Mr Inkster explained the Executive Committee's position, adding that, in substance, he agreed with the United States Delegate's point of view. It was decided that the request would be put to the General Assembly in plenary session.

Day-to-day co-operation

On the question of day-to-day co-operation, the Argentine Delegate mentioned the upsurge in terrorism and subversion in South and Central America. He considered that Interpol should pay particular attention to terrorist-type crime, and step up international co-operation. The Peruvian Delegate also expressed his concern about the same problem and called for greater co-operation.

Date and meeting place for the next Regional Conference

It was decided that the 13th American Regional Conference would take place in Santiago, Chile, from 22nd to 26th March 1993.

The Mauritian Delegate.

