



## Resolution No. 10

AG-2013-RES-10

**Subject:** Annual Heads of National Central Bureau Conference

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 21 to 24 October 2013 at its 82nd session:

CONSIDERING that according to Article 2 of the Constitution the aims of the Organization are: (1) 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"; (2) To establish and develop all institutions likely to contribute effectively to the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes,

CONSIDERING that Article 31 of the Constitution provides that in order to further its aims, the Organization needs the constant and active cooperation of its Members, who should do all within their power which is compatible with the legislations of their countries to participate diligently in its activities,

CONSIDERING that Article 32 of the Constitution prescribes that in order to ensure the above cooperation, each country shall appoint a body which will serve as the National Central Bureau (NCB) and that it shall ensure liaison with: (a) The various departments in the country; (b) Those bodies in other countries serving as National Central Bureaus; (c) The Organization's General Secretariat,

BEARING IN MIND that for this purpose, under Article 26(e) of the Constitution, the General Secretariat is tasked to maintain contact with national and international authorities, whereas questions relative to the search for criminals shall be dealt with through the National Central Bureaus,

NOTING that, since 2005 and for nine consecutive years, the Heads of the National Central Bureaus have convened annually at the invitation of the Secretary General,

CONVINCED of the need to ensure that such annual meetings of the Heads of the National Central Bureaus continue to take place; of the relevance of such meeting as a unique platform for exchange, learning and improvement of operational police cooperation within the framework of the Organization,

DECIDES that, unless there are exceptional circumstances, the Secretary General shall annually convene a Heads of National Central Bureau Conference;

DECIDES that this conference shall be considered a statutory meeting for the purposes of Article 52(b) of the General Regulations;

ADOPTS the Terms of Reference for this Annual Conference provided at Appendix 1 of Report AG-2013-RAP-08.

**Approved**