

**RESOLUTION**

**Subject:** Encouraging and empowering National Central Bureaus to disclose to the public Red Notices for fugitives and prison escapees

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in St Petersburg, Russia, from 7 to 10 October 2008, at its 77th session:

RECOGNIZING that the INTERPOL communications system and the notices published by the General Secretariat constitute effective instruments for locating fugitives,

WHEREAS Notices, under Article 1(l) of the Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purpose of International Police Co-operation (RPI), are international INTERPOL notifications containing sets of information recorded in the police information system and circulated by the General Secretariat, for the purposes referred to in Article 3.1 (a) of the said rules,

WHEREAS the General Secretariat:

- Is responsible, pursuant to Article 4.1(a,2) of the RPI, for ensuring that the provisions of the said rules and the texts to which they refer are observed during any operation to process information through the Organization's channels,
- Is responsible for the publication of notices at its own initiative or at the request of a National Central Bureau or authorized international entity provided that the general conditions for processing information are met and that the General Secretariat has determined that it is necessary and advisable to do so, in accordance with Article 10.5(b) of the said Rules,
- Is responsible, when appropriate, for proceeding to the disclosure to the public of a notice and of all or part of the information contained in that notice, subject to the prior approval of the source of that information,

CONVINCED of the usefulness of the disclosure of information on wanted persons on INTERPOL's public Internet site,

TAKES NOTE of the conclusions set forth in Report AG-2008-RAP-18 and of the actions undertaken by the General Secretariat, in particular the disclosure to the public of extracts of Red Notices;

ENCOURAGES member countries, via their respective National Central Bureaus, to authorize circulation to the public where possible of information contained in Red Notices for fugitives with due regard for the Implementing Rules for the Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purposes of International Police Co-operation.

**Adopted**