

RESOLUTION

Subject: I-link

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Singapore from 11 to 15 October 2009 at its 78th session:

CONSIDERING the need to continually increase the volume and quality of internationally available information about wanted persons, and the activities, techniques and methods used by them,

CONSIDERING the need to continue this task while guaranteeing respect for the Organization's rules and regulations and protection of the rights of individuals who are the subject of international police co-operation,

CONVINCED that the roll-out of the I-24/7 communications system in 2002 made a significant contribution to the increase in information shared through INTERPOL channels,

RECALLING that, in conformity with Article 26 (b) and (c) of INTERPOL's Constitution, the General Secretariat serves as an international centre in the fight against ordinary crime and as a technical and information centre,

RECALLING the crucial role played by the NCBs which, in conformity with Article 32 of the Organization's Constitution, ensure liaison with the various departments in the country, with those bodies in other countries serving as National Central Bureaus, and with the Organization's General Secretariat,

BEARING IN MIND the need to gradually replace INTERPOL's current police information system in order to achieve the general objective set out above,

ALSO BEARING IN MIND the need to develop a new police information system capable of accompanying the Organization in its development and processing an increasing amount of information,

CONSIDERING, in this respect, that in 2007, the General Secretariat launched Project I-link, the aim of which is to improve the investigative capacity of the Organization's Members,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Processing of Information, in conformity with Resolution AG-2008-RES-14, to assess the impact of Project I-link on the Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purposes of International Police Co-operation and their Implementing Rules,

BEARING IN MIND Report No. AG-2009-RAP-09 on the subject presented by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Processing of Information and the initial recommendations made by the Working Group,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the General Secretariat's consultations with the Organization's Members and the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the recommendations made by the Working Group on the Processing of Information,

NOTES that, on the basis of these recommendations, the General Secretariat has decided to:

- continue the development of Project I-link in conformity with the Organization's Constitution, the Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purposes of International Police Co-operation and their Implementing Rules,
- open the possibility of recording information via I-link solely to NCBs during the development phase of the project,
- continue consulting the NCBs to ensure that Project I-link fully meets the needs of the Organization's Members,
- concentrate its efforts in particular on information, training and support for users,
- develop at each stage of project development appropriate monitoring mechanisms, taking into account the changes in the methods of recording information within the police information system;

ENDORSES the decisions taken by the General Secretariat;

ASKS the Working Group on the Processing of Information to:

- report to it with its conclusions and recommendations at its 79th session,
- submit to it, at that session, any amendments it considers appropriate to the Rules on the Processing of Information for the Purposes of International Police Co-operation and their Implementing Rules.

Adopted.