



RESOLUTION

Subject: Improving international co-operation and supporting the INTERPOL General Secretariat in combating counterfeit medical products and pharmaceutical crime

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Doha, Qatar, from 8 to 11 November 2010 at its 79th session:

CONSIDERING the serious implications for the health and safety of unknowing patients either obtaining or receiving counterfeit medical products,

ACKNOWLEDGING that receiving and sharing information is a decisive factor in identifying and disrupting organized crime networks that manufacture, trade in and distribute counterfeit medical products at the international, regional and national levels,

RECOGNIZING the complex nature and growing problem of counterfeit medical products worldwide and the necessity for INTERPOL to co-ordinate the exchange of information amongst the various stakeholders – including law enforcement – involved in combating this type of crime,

BEARING IN MIND that INTERPOL co-operates with the World Health Organization's International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT) and other stakeholders to tackle the international challenges posed by counterfeit medical products to member countries,

RECOGNIZING the need for a multi-sectoral approach led by the INTERPOL General Secretariat and National Central Bureaus, in liaison with appropriate authorities and stakeholders in their respective countries, to raise awareness about the risks associated with counterfeit medical products, and provide operational and investigative support to disrupt the criminal networks involved,

ENCOURAGING the timely exchange of police information and the facilitation of joint police operations targeting medical counterfeit products,

RECOMMENDS that INTERPOL member countries consider the fight against counterfeit medical products and other pharmaceutical crimes as a law enforcement priority and that member countries take the necessary steps to ensure pharmaceutical crimes are regularly reported through INTERPOL's secure global police communications network;

SUPPORTS INTERPOL's efforts to develop an enhanced approach for dealing with this type of crime;

ENCOURAGES member countries to support this initiative by dedicating staff and resources to further enhancing efforts in this area.

Adopted
