

RESOLUTION

Subject: International Co-operation on Dog Handler Training

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Berlin, Germany, from 19 to 22 September 2005 at its 74th session:

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the successful implementation of the initiative by the 6th EAPCCO Annual General Meeting held in the Seychelles in September 2004, on the need to acquire dogs to detect explosives, thus improving the role of the Eastern African countries in combating terrorism throughout the world by carrying out preventive activities such as using trained dogs to detect explosives,¹

ALSO TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT the Executive Committee, meeting prior to the 73rd General Assembly session held in Cancún in 2004, approved the General Secretariat's proposal and authorized the necessary funding to carry out this Project,

THAT the 1st Interpol/EAPCCO Handlers' course for dogs trained to detect explosives was held in Khartoum, Sudan, from 8 May to 7 July 2005, with financial assistance from the General Secretariat and the support of the Sudan Police Force, at which 18 participants from Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Seychelles, Tanzania and Uganda were trained, and that all of them are currently in active service with their dogs in their respective countries,

THAT this project combined regional needs with Interpol global crime priority issues, providing an opportunity to support countries displaying a genuine determination to act against terrorism and other crimes despite sometimes finding themselves in difficult economic and financial situations, and

THAT during the year, several Recommendations recognizing this successful Project were made by the African Chiefs of Police Committees and Ministers Responsible for Police Affairs, calling for this initiative to be continued with the support of the member countries:

- **18th African Regional Conference, Accra, Ghana, 13-15 July 2005**
Recommendation No. 12
 - *"Recommends that the General Secretariat and African NCBs build upon the successes of the EAPCCO model by implementing sniffer dog handlers' training programmes for drugs and explosives detection throughout the entire continent;*
 - *Recommends that Sudan continue providing intensive, high quality sniffer dog handlers' training courses to police with the support of EAPCCO;*

¹ **6th EAPCCO AGM, Seychelles, September 2004** Recommendation *"to acquire dogs trained to detect explosives before they are detonated with a view of preventing terrorist activities in the twelve Eastern Africa countries"*.

- *Recommends that South Africa seek to implement a model programme in sniffer dog handlers' training to service the Southern African Members;*
- *Recommends that the Northern, Central and Western Africa Members support Sudan and South Africa in their programmes, and look to establish their own sniffer dog handlers' training programmes."*
- **10th SARPCCO Annual General Meeting, Luanda, Angola, 1-5 August 2005
Resolution 3, Training**
 - *"Taking into cognizance the progress made in the detection of dogs and explosives and appreciating the offer made by the South African Police Service to offer the region a Dog Handlers' Course, the Council of Police Chiefs directed the SARPCCO Training Subcommittee to develop a programme on dog handler training for the region."*
- **7th EAPCCO Annual General Meeting, Mombasa, Kenya, 22-24 August 2005
Resolution 2**
 - *"Taking into consideration the global threat posed by terrorism the Chiefs of Police commended the excellent efforts made by both INTERPOL IPSP and the Sudan Police for their training and offering sniffer dogs on explosives detection and urged for continuous and advanced training programmes."*
- **5th Meeting of Ministers responsible for Police Affairs in EAPCCO Member States, Mombasa, Kenya, 25 August 2005
Joint Communiqué Article 2**
 - *"Taking into consideration the global threat posed by terrorism, the Ministers commended the excellent efforts made by both INTERPOL and the Sudan Police for their training on explosives detection and offering sniffer dogs to EAPCCO member countries and supported the continuation of the training programme."*

RECOGNIZING the excellent effort made by the Sudan Police Force resulting in the successful professional training of Police Dog Handlers in the Eastern African Region,

SUPPORTS the efforts of the General Secretariat and of the NCBs of the African region to implement sniffer dog handlers training programmes for drugs and explosive detection, and

TASKS the General Secretariat to identify other sources of sniffer dogs for breeding purposes.

Adopted.