

RESOLUTION

Subject: Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly
(changes to Article 7 concerning delegations and Article 8 concerning the
procedure for examination of credentials)

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Cancún from 5 to 8 October 2004 at its 73rd session:

NOTING THE CONTENTS of Report AG-2004-RAP-04, entitled "Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly (Modification of the procedure for examination of credentials)",

TAKING ACCOUNT OF the opinion expressed by the *ad hoc* Committee meeting in application of Article 56 of the General Regulations,

CONSIDERING that the amendment presented is such that it will facilitate the running of General Assembly sessions,

ADOPTS the following amendments to Articles 7 and 8 of the Procedural Rules of the General Assembly:

Article 7

Delegations

- (1) In conformity with Article 7(1) of the Constitution, each Member of the Organization may be represented at the General Assembly session by one or several delegates. Each delegation is led by a head of delegation appointed by the appropriate government authority in his country.
- (2) Because of the technical nature of the Organization, Members shall attempt to include the following in their delegations:
 - (a) senior officials of departments dealing with law enforcement matters;
 - (b) officials whose normal duties are connected with the Organization's activities;
 - (c) specialists in the subjects on the agenda.
- (3) In conformity with Article 16 of the General Regulations, members shall notify the Secretary General as early as possible of the composition of their delegations. Any changes to the composition of a delegation shall be notified to the Secretary General prior to the General Assembly session by the head of the delegation concerned or by any member of the delegation appointed by him to act on his behalf.

- (4) The head of a delegation may appoint a member of that delegation to act and vote on behalf of the country he represents at meetings of committees and other groups.

Article 8

Examination of credentials

- (1) The Secretary General shall appoint the General Secretariat officials responsible for the examination of credentials. These officials shall make up the Credentials Bureau and report to the President of the Organization.
- (2) Before the beginning of the session, the head of each delegation, or a member of the delegation appointed by him to act on his behalf, shall give the Credentials Bureau the credentials he has received from the appropriate government authority. Under the terms of Article 7(1) of the Constitution and in conformity with the procedures applying in the country concerned, the credentials allowing him to represent his country at the General Assembly session must have been issued by the country's Head of State, Head of Government, Minister of Foreign Affairs or Minister in charge of the Interpol National Central Bureau, or by any plenipotentiary.
- (3) The Credentials Bureau can accept any form of proof to confirm the validity of credentials.
- (4) Any difficulty or dispute arising in connection with credentials shall be submitted to the President who shall report on the decision he has taken at the beginning of the General Assembly session. If credentials are not accepted by the President, the representatives of the country concerned may attend the General Assembly session as observers unless the Assembly decides otherwise.

DECIDES that these amendments shall enter into force at the 74th session of the General Assembly.

**Adopted with 95 votes in favour,
3 against, and with 2 abstentions.**