

RESOLUTION

Subject: Honorary titles

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Benidorm, Spain, from 29 September to 2 October 2003 at its 72nd session:

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF Report AG-2003-RAP-21,

HAVING IN MIND Resolution AGN/63/RES/23 adopted at its 63rd session (Rome, 1994), authorizing the Executive Committee to grant honorary titles to its former members,

ALSO HAVING IN MIND its various resolutions referred to in Report AG-2003-RAP-21, granting honorary titles to former Presidents and Secretaries General of the Organization,

RECALLING, in this connection, the fact that honorary titles do not confer any rights or benefits on the title holders,

RECOGNIZING that there should be no difference in the period of time for which honorary titles are conferred on former members of the Executive Committee, former Presidents and Secretaries General,

AWARE that the Organization's image must not be damaged by criticisms resulting from the professional or personal conduct of an honorary title holder,

RECOGNIZING that the granting of such titles by those for whom they are intended is incompatible with the basic principle of impartiality,

ASKS the Executive Committee for an in-depth review of the current system of granting honorary titles to take the opinion of the General Assembly into account, and to assess the viability of maintaining a system of honorary titles or of abolishing such titles, irrespective of whether they are awarded for limited or unlimited periods.

Adopted.