

RESOLUTION

Subject: Recommendations adopted, by the 5th International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents, held in Amsterdam from 10th-12th April, 2002, concerning travel document issue

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Yaoundé from 21-24 October 2002 at its 71st session:

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the adoption, after discussion, of four Recommendations by the Fifth International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents, at which experts from 83 member countries were present (submitted, respectively, as Recommendations One, Three, Four, and Seven, in Report AG-2002-RAP-10),

HAVING EXAMINED Report AG-2002-RAP-10 submitted by the General Secretariat,

BEARING IN MIND that a great number or variety of different travel documents, or versions thereof, issued by a given country and in circulation at the same time, is likely to create confusion and uncertainty among officials of other countries examining such documents,

FURTHER BEARING IN MIND THAT the detection and interception of counterfeit, altered or stolen travel documents depends to a great extent on accurate and timely information being received from a given country's issuing authorities,

RECOMMENDS:

- (1) that all member countries reduce to the minimum practicable the period during which two versions of a given travel document remain valid;
- (2) that the withdrawal or expiration of validity of a particular type or version of a travel document be promptly reported by the issuing country;
- (3) that each different version of a travel document be assigned by the issuing authority a unique three-digit designator, preceded by the ISO three-letter code, reflecting any difference in security features, design, and/or text from the previous version, and that this designator, as well as the document's print batch number, be printed somewhere on or in the document;
- (4) that a travel document once reported as stolen blank should never, thereafter, be issued, even if recovered in blank condition.

Adopted.