

**RESOLUTION**

**Subject:** Amendment of the Rules on the Deletion of Police Information held by the General Secretariat

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Budapest from 24 to 28 September 2001 at its 70th session:

RECALLING Article 5(5) of the Rules on International Police Co-operation and on the Internal Control of Interpol's Archives, under the terms of which the General Assembly is competent to approve the rules for deleting police information held by the General Secretariat,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF Report AG-2001-RAP-03 entitled "Proposed Amendment of the Rules on the Deletion of Police Information held by the General Secretariat",

HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF the opinion of the *ad hoc* Committee set up in application of Article 56 of the General Regulations,

ENDORSING the conclusions of the above-mentioned Report AG-2001-RAP-03,

NOTING, in consequence, that it is essential to amend the Rules on the Deletion of Police Information held by the General Secretariat,

CONSIDERING that the proposed amendments meet this requirement,

APPROVES the proposed amendments as given in the Appendix to this Resolution and decides that they shall enter into force on 1 October 2001;

ASKS the Secretary General to take all necessary measures to implement the new rules.

Adopted.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES ON THE DELETION OF POLICE  
INFORMATION HELD BY THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT<sup>1</sup>**

**Article 6**

Paragraphs (1) to (3) remain the same

- (4) When an item of information proves to be of international importance for the police and is not deleted in application of the Rules on Co-operation, it shall be kept by the General Secretariat for a period of five years, except in the cases **covered by Article 6(6) below.**
- (5) (a) **Six months prior to expiry of the time limit for retaining an item of police information covered by Article 6(4) above,** the General Secretariat shall ask the NCB empowered to dispose of the information **whether it wishes Interpol to retain the said item of information;** it shall inform the NCB that the item of information may be deleted if the NCB does not confirm that **the item of information** is to be retained on expiry of the retention period;
- (b) **If the NCB concerned has not replied to the General Secretariat's request three months prior to expiry of the retention period, the latter shall send the NCB concerned a further request;**
- (c) Once the NCB concerned has confirmed that **an item of information recorded in application of Article 6(4)** is to be retained, the General Secretariat shall postpone deletion of the item of information **for five years;** at the end of any such extension, the General Secretariat shall again apply the provisions of **(a) and (b) above;**
- (d) If the NCB concerned does not confirm, within the prescribed time limit, that the **item of information** is to be retained, the General Secretariat shall delete the item of information, **unless it may be retained in application of Article 7 of the present Rules.**
- (6) **Two exceptions may be admitted to the principle laid down in Article 6(4) above:**
- (a) When the item of information **concerns** a witness or a victim, it **shall be retained** until the item of information to which it is linked is deleted;
- (b) Non-personal **information** may be retained until it is no longer of any international criminalistic value.
- (7) When the item of information is of no international importance to the police, or is no longer of such importance, **it shall either be deleted or retained for a period of three months** with a view to obtaining additional information likely to result in the retention of the item in application of **6(4) or 6(6) above.**

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<sup>1</sup> The amendments are shown in bold.