RESOLUTION AGN/64/RES/23

SUBJECT:

Recommendations adopted by the 2nd International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents, held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, from 6th to 18th September 1994

TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 copy in the CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES: Year 1995
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Sub-heading: Counterfeiting and forgery of obligations and other documents

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CALLING TO MIND the findings of the First International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents, held in Ottawa from 27th April to 1st May 1992, and the ICPO-Interpol General Assembly's acknowledgement of those findings at its 61st session,

HAVING TAKEN NOTE of the adoption, after discussion, of five Recommendations (submitted in Appendix to Report AGN/64/RAP. No. 15) by the 2nd International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents at which experts from 52 member countries were present,

HAVING EXAMINED Report AGN/64/RAP. No. 15 submitted by the General Secretariat,

BEARING IN MIND:

- (1) The principles relating to the issue of genuine travel documents which were adopted in Resolution AGN/61/RES/7, but which need to be amended so as to give a more accurate reflection of the intentions in the draft resolution prepared by the First Working Group on Fraudulent Travel Documents,
- (2) The problems resulting from the rapid development of document reproduction techniques, but aware of the development of new techniques designed to protect security documents against counterfeiting and forgery,
- (3) The growing body of evidence that there is large-scale traffic in genuine, counterfeit and fraudulently altered travel documents, through the mail services,
- (4) The need to be able to refuse entry to aliens with no travel documents or using counterfeit or forged travel documents,

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The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Beijing from 4th to 10th October 1995 at its 64th session:

RECOMMENDS:

- (1) that all Member States study the implementation and/or enforcement of legislation which allows the authorities to search for and seize any document or thing that may serve to establish the identity of a person, or any document or thing purporting to be any of those documents or things, from the international mail and courier services when that document or thing is being imported into, or about to be imported from, a country for the purpose of circumventing border control, contravening immigration legislation or committing a criminal offence;
- (2) that all Member States accept the Single Journey Document issued in concurrence with Annex 9 of the Chicago Convention of December 7th, 1944, held under the auspices of the International Civil Aviation Organization, as a travel document as defined in AGN/61/RES/7.

ASKS the General Secretariat to seek United Nations funding for countries requiring financial assistance to enable them to issue travel documents that conform to the guidelines given in AGN/61/RES/7;

DECIDES:

- (1) that the Technical Working Group on Fraudulent Travel Documents, composed of delegates from various countries and the General Secretariat, which meets annually to assist in the preparation of resolutions in response to new technological developments having a direct impact on the security of travel documents, should have official status;
- (2) that Resolution AGN/61/RES/7 should be amended to read as follows:

Paragraph 1:

- (a) The words "on every page" be added to read: ".... unique identification number printed or perforated on every page at the time and place of manufacture."
- (b) The words "at a minimum" and "and" be added to read: ".... all laminae incorporate at a minimum a security feature (embossed, printed, or fluorescent designs) and should be affixed in the most permanent manner;"

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Paragraph 2:

The words "bear a distinctive official mark (logo, letters, etc.)" be added and the words be distinctive be removed to read: ".... and if eyelets or grommets are used they should bear a distinctive official mark (logo, letters, etc.) and should be affixed at least 5 mm away from the edges of the photograph."

Paragraph 3:

The words "and all unissued, lost or stolen blank travel documents" be added to read: ".... outside the country of issuance and all unissued, lost or stolen blank travel documents should be promptly reported to the Interpol General Secretariat."

Paragraph 5:

To be deleted and replaced by the following: "That the Technical Working Party on Fraudulent Travel Documents should present a report on the standards for image storage and retrieval to the next International Conference on Fraudulent Travel Documents which will be held in Helsinki, Finland, in 1997".
