

<p>RESOLUTION AGN/63/RES/13</p> <p>SUBJECT: Product counterfeiting and piracy</p>	<p>TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>1 copy in the CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES: Year 1994</p> <p>1 copy in the SUBJECT SERIES: Heading: Counterfeiting and forgery</p> <p>Sub-heading: Miscellaneous</p>
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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

BEARING IN MIND Resolution AGN/46/RES/7, adopted at the 46th General Assembly session, in 1977, in Stockholm, concerning international traffic in stolen and unlawfully duplicated motion pictures and sound recordings,

CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT international product counterfeiting and piracy have harmful effects on the economies of the countries affected,

AWARE OF the loss of revenue legitimately accruing to the governments of such countries and to persons engaged in lawful production, thus aggravating the problems of unemployment in the industries concerned,

NOTING THAT, as presently implemented, international agreements have not been fully effective in combating this illicit activity,

CONVINCED THAT national enforcement of laws and international police co-operation are absolutely essential for the suppression of illegal product counterfeiting and piracy,

BELIEVING THAT such police co-operation needs to be supplemented by judicial and diplomatic co-operation which should be expanded and facilitated,

TAKING NOTE of the discussions and conclusions of the First Meeting of the Interpol Working Party on Product Counterfeiting and Piracy, Lyons, 22nd - 23rd February 1994;

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Rome from 28th September to 4th October 1994 at its 63rd Session:

ASKS the National Central Bureaus to:

1. Co-operate as fully as possible with other NCBs who request assistance in investigating cases of illegal product counterfeiting and piracy;
2. Ensure that local police forces in their countries are aware of this problem and of the channels of communication to be used whenever such international traffic is suspected;

3. Heighten their governments' awareness of the severe consequences resulting from illegal product counterfeiting and piracy and especially within the field of health and safety;

RECOMMENDS THAT, in the interest of combating illegal product counterfeiting and piracy, Interpol urge its members to adopt and/or reinforce appropriate domestic laws and regulations;

FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT the General Secretariat continue to build up its computerized Criminal Information System to collect, register and analyse information relating to international product counterfeiting and piracy and that the National Central Bureaus share such information with each other and with the General Secretariat to the greatest extent possible.
