

<p>RESOLUTION AGN/63/RES/12</p> <p>SUBJECT: "Eco Message" – Environmental Crime</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: Environment, Protection of – Related Offences</p>
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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

BEARING IN MIND the following Resolutions regarding international environmental crime:

- . AGN/45/RES/4, adopted at the 45th General Assembly session in Accra in 1976, dealing with the illegal traffic in wild life and its products,
- . AGN/61/RES/12, adopted at the 61st General Assembly session in Dakar in 1992, deciding to set up a working party under Interpol's auspices and asking the Secretary General to place the subject of environmental crime on the agendas of international meetings on economic crime held by the General Secretariat,
- . AGN/62/RES/5, adopted at the 62nd General Assembly session in Aruba in 1993, concerning transborder movements of dangerous waste,
- . AGN/62/RES/6, adopted at the 62nd General Assembly session, in Aruba in 1993, concerning illicit trade in species of wild fauna and flora,

TAKING NOTE OF the conclusions of the Interpol Working Party on Environmental Crime during its first two meetings in Lyons, in September 1993 and May 1994 respectively,

NOTING the recent increase of reported offences related to environmental crime in general and to trafficking in radioactive and nuclear substances in particular,

CONSCIOUS of the serious threat to humanity and its natural environment posed by this form of criminality,

IN THE LIGHT OF the proposal made by the delegates at the second meeting of the Interpol Working Party on Environmental Crime that the General Secretariat should act as a central information collection point for information on international environmental crime should be established and that an "Eco Message" should be used to report international environmental crime cases,

BELIEVING THAT the use of the "Eco Message" will improve the exchange of information in international environmental crime cases as well as the collection, storage, analysis and circulation of such information with the assistance of the General Secretariat,

CONVINCED THAT international police co-operation is absolutely essential for combating environmental crime,

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

RECOMMENDS that member countries place responsibility on their National Central Bureaus for the co-ordination of the international exchange of information relating to trafficking in radioactive and nuclear substances, especially where a number of different specialized national agencies may be involved,

ASKS the National Central Bureaus to:

- (1) Use the "Eco Message" (copy attached) to report all international environmental crime cases;
- (2) Share to the greatest extent possible such information with each other and with the General Secretariat;

CALLS UPON the General Secretariat to monitor closely all information submitted by way of the ECO message and to issue regular bulletins informing member countries of trends and new developments.

