RESOLUTION AGN/62/RES/11

SUBJECT: Illegal adoption

TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONVINCED of the need for measures designed to prevent the abduction of and traffic in children, to encourage the use of approved procedures for intercountry adoption under the supervision of governmental central authorities, and to facilitate action against those involved in illegal adoption,

RECALLING ICPO-Interpol Resolution AGN/58/RES/15 taken at its 58th General Assembly Session, held in Lyons from 27th November to 1st December 1989, on the improvement of international co-operation to combat offences against minors,

ALSO RECALLING ICPO-Interpol Resolution AGN/61/RES/10 taken at its 61st General Assembly session, held in Dakar from 4th to 10th November 1992, on offences committed against minors and the conclusions of the 1st International Symposium on Offences against Children and Young Adults (Lyons, 7th to 9th April 1992) referred to therein,

NOTING the recommendation on this subject adopted by the 13th Interpol American Regional Conference, held in Santiago, Chile, from 22nd to 26th March 1993,

BEARING IN MIND the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20th November 1989,

STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE in this connection of the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption of 29th May 1993 drawn up at the 17th session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law,

AWARE that the Hague Convention, which is open to accession by all States, establishes mandatory safeguards and procedures to ensure that an intercountry adoption only takes place when it is in the best interest of the child, and under the supervision of governmental central authorities in each State to ensure that these safeguards and procedures are respected,

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MINDFUL of the constitutional aim of the Organization to ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Aruba from 29th September to 5th October 1993 at its 62nd session:

RECOMMENDS that, without prejudice to the basic principles governing adoption in certain countries, Members examine their legislation and practices with a view to enabling them as soon as possible to become a Party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and to introducing, where necessary, penal provisions to complement the provisions contained in the Hague Convention.

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