

<p>RESOLUTION AGN/61/RES/12</p> <p>SUBJECT: Environmental Crime</p>	<p>TO BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:</p> <p>1 copy in the CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES: Year 1992</p> <p>1 copy in the SUBJECT SERIES: Heading: Environment, Protection of – Related Offences</p>
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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONSCIOUS of the fact that environmental crime is increasing and becoming a more and more international problem,

AWARE that considerable problems of co-ordination and co-operation have arisen during investigations into international cases of environmental crime because the legislations and departments responsible for dealing with this type of crime differ from country to country,

REALIZING that criminals involved in this type of activity generally operate in a highly professional manner whereas national law enforcement and legislative authorities sometimes have little experience of the problem,

HAVING NOTED the proposal, made by the Netherlands and supported by other Member States, to set up a Working Party under Interpol's auspices to fight against international environmental crime,

CONVINCED that international police co-operation is essential to combat environmental crime effectively,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Dakar from 4th to 10th November at its 61st session:

DECIDES to set up a working party composed of investigators and/or decision-makers from member countries under Interpol's auspices to identify the various problems that arise in connection with environmental crime investigations and find possible solutions. Such solutions could include improving co-operation and the exchange of information through existing Interpol channels and distributing information possibly in the form of a handbook covering environmental crime to Member States. The Working Party could *inter alia* make recommendations regarding the adoption of legislation to combat environmental crime and the harmonization of existing legislation;

ASKS the Secretary General to place the subject of environmental crime on the agendas of international meetings on economic crime held by the General Secretariat.
