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SUBJECT:

Use of liaison officers

Heading: Rules: General rules governing international co-operation between police departments or agencies carrying out police duties

## TEXT OF RESOLUTION

CONSCIOUS of the increase in international crime in recent years and the need for developing the relationships between member countries,

CONSIDERING that the use of Liaison Officers is an admitted means of international police co-operation,

RECOGNIZING the importance for the Organization to have approved guidelines in this area,

HAVING BEEN INFORMED of the recommendation adopted by the 17th European Regional Conference held in Saint Cloud from 18th to 20th April 1988,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Bangkok from 17th to 23rd November 1988 at its 57th session:

APPROVES the following principles:

The posting of Liaison Officers to other countries enhances international co-operation relating to international crime prevention and law enforcement, and should be encouraged wherever conditions permit;

The posting of Liaison Officers to National Central Bureaus of other countries will contribute significantly to the effectiveness of the Organization;

When a country is considering posting a Liaison Officer to another country, it should first consider the desirability of seeking the consent of the host country for the Liaison Officer to work from its National Central Bureau;

In certain circumstances, it may be decided that a Liaison Officer should be posted to and based in the Embassy of his parent country. In such cases, the Liaison Officer should be encouraged to maintain the closest practicable working relationship with the National Central Bureau of the host country;

The sharing of the services of a Liaison Officer is advantageous in some circumstances (i.e. groups of neighbouring countries, or countries with similar legal and policing systems, or countries with common languages) and is to be encouraged.