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SUBJECT

Minimum criteria for the circulation, by the General Secretariat, of international warning notifications (green notices and equivalent documents)

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TEXT OF RESOLUTION

HAVING DISCUSSED, during the Meeting of Heads of National Central Bureaus, Report No. 8 entitled "Minimum criteria for the circulation, by the General Secretariat, of international warning notifications (green notices and equivalent documents)",

CONVINCED of the need to define more precisely than in the past the conditions under which the General Secretariat may circulate such notifications.

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Nice from 23rd to 27th November 1987 at its 56th session:

ADOPTS the "Minimum criteria for the circulation, by the General Secretariat, of international warning notifications (green notices and equivalent documents)" as they appear at the Appendix to the present Resolution:

ASKS the General Secretariat to apply these guidelines when circulating such notifications.

APPENDIX

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Minimum criteria for the circulation, by the General Secretariat, of international warning notifications (green notices and equivalent documents)

- (1) An international warning notification may be issued about any person who is suspected of being an international criminal for one or more of the following reasons:
 - (a) Because he has criminal convictions in at least three countries (excluding any for minor offences);
 - (b) Because he has at least one criminal conviction in one country and a police record in at least two other countries (excluding any for minor offences) if all the facts suggest that he is likely to engage in international criminal activities of some significance;
 - (c) Because he has a police record in at least two countries if the nature of the alleged offences (for example, trafficking in drugs, counterfeit currency, stolen property, weapons, exploitation of prostitution, picking pockets) suggests that he is likely to engage in international criminal activities of some significance;
 - (d) Because he has a police record in at least one country which suggests that he is likely to participate in serious offences (e.g. attacks on persons and property using firearms or explosives, armed assault, major theft or receiving of stolen property, major trafficking operations) committed by a criminal organization operating in more than one country.
- (2) A person is considered to have a "police record" when police investigations of an offence have provided serious evidence of his guilt.
- (3) When the information available is unclear or confusing or appears to be incomplete, the NCBs concerned should be contacted for clariffication before the notification is issued. In such cases, the NCBs concerned should be informed that the General Secretariat intends to issue a warning notification.
- (4) When the aims of a warning notification can probably be achieved even if circulation of the notification is limited to particular geographical areas, the General Secretariat should refrain from authorizing general circulation of the notification.

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