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SUBJECT

Preventing the international migration of offenders

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

HAVING DISCUSSED, during the meeting of Heads of NCBs, Report No. 20 entitled "Preventing the migration of offenders" submitted by the General Secretariat following the meeting of the working group set up under Resolution No. AGN/54/RES/5 (Washington, D.C., 1985),

RECALLING the aims of the Organization as defined in Article 2 of its Constitution.

AWARE that certain member countries exchange information in connection with applications for naturalization or residence permits,

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Belgrade from 6th to 13th October 1986 at its 55th session:

RECOMMENDS that, in this connection, the NCBs be guided by the following rules:

- (1) Submission of an application for a residence permit or for naturalization to the appropriate authorities of a country can be considered as sufficient reason for triggering an exchange of information through Interpol channels if the applicant has committed an offence or is suspected of having committed an offence and, in particular.
 - when his entry into a country or his residence therein constitutes a criminal offence,
 - when consideration of his application by the appropriate authorities indicates that he may have committed a criminal offence in any other country.

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- (2) The routine exchange of information through Interpol channels on foreign nationals seeking residency or naturalization, is recognized as a preventive measure which can assist in identifying international fugitives and criminals. Exchange of such information is encouraged on a bilateral basis where existing laws permit.
- (3) When using Interpol channels for international co-operation, NCBs should bear in mind that it is useful for countries to be informed of the offences committed on their territories or committed by their own nationals or residents.

EXPRESSES THE HOPE that travel and identity documents will be standardized internationally;

ASKS the General Secretariat to consider publishing reproductions of specimens of travel and identity documents currently in use, as well as information concerning counterfeits and forgeries of such documents.

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