

## **Resolution No. 7**

GA-2018-87-RES-07

**<u>Subject</u>**: National Central Bureau Quality Standards

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 18 to 21 November 2018 at its 87th session:

BEARING IN MIND Resolution AG-2016-RES-02 adopted by the General Assembly at its 85th session, approving the recommendations made by the General Secretariat, in particular Recommendation 23, to establish quality standards for NCBs,

REAFFIRMING that the National Central Bureaus occupy an important and strategic position within INTERPOL's structure, as stated in Article 32 of the Constitution, and that INTERPOL's collective success relies upon having efficient and effective NCBs,

ACKNOWLEDGING that the new proposed NCB Quality Standards were drafted following the global consultation process launched on 19 December 2016 and which included a detailed questionnaire which was circulated to all member countries to assess the value and implementation of the existing 24 NCB Service Standards, and the challenges being faced by member countries in achieving full compliance with those Standards,

CONSIDERING that, throughout the process, member countries were consulted during various INTERPOL meetings and on different occasions between December 2016 and January 2018,

RECALLING FURTHER that the 14th Annual Heads of NCB Conference expressed its support for the draft NCB Quality Standards through the approval of Conclusion No. 1,

BEARING IN MIND that the final proposal for new NCB Quality Standards gives a clear framework to NCBs regarding their status, main functions, capabilities, activities, and operating rules,

RECOGNIZING that the NCB Quality Standards and online self-certification process should contribute to enhancing NCBs' capabilities and performance,

APPROVES the NCB Quality Standards;

DECIDES that the said NCB Quality Standards shall enter into force with immediate effect;

ABROGATES, therefore, with immediate effect, Resolution AG-2004-RES-13 entitled "Revised Interpol NCB Service Standards";

ASKS the Secretary General, in order to ensure the effective operation of the National Central Bureaus in the light of INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data and to assist member countries with the implementation of the NCB Quality Standards to enhance NCB performance, to:

- implement the NCB online self-certification process so that member countries can conduct annual self-assessments in an effort to identify the strengths and weaknesses of their NCB;
- 2. thoroughly analyse NCB performance based on the results of the online self-certification process;
- conduct NCB quality standard visits to member countries to assist those NCBs which
  are facing challenges in complying with the NCB Quality Standards or to share the best
  practices of high performing NCBs;
- 4. endeavour to assist NCBs, when feasible, to meet the NCB Quality Standards, including support from other member countries.

**Adopted**