

RESOLUTION

Subject: Improving international co-operation to combat counterfeit medical products

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in St Petersburg, Russia, from 7 to 10 October 2008 at its 77th session:

RECALLING Resolution AGN/63/RES/13 on counterfeiting and piracy, adopted by the General Assembly at its 63rd Session held in Rome from 28 September to 4 October 1994, and Resolution AGN/69/RES/6 on intellectual property rights, adopted by the General Assembly at its 69th session held in Rhodes from 30 October to 4 November 2000, by which the General Assembly mandated the General Secretariat to combat international violations of intellectual property rights,

ACKNOWLEDGING the serious implications for the public health and safety of often unknowing consumers either obtaining or receiving counterfeit medical products,

MINDFUL of the challenges facing public health sector bodies and national drug regulatory bodies seeking to effectively investigate and combat transnational organized criminals, who manipulate counterfeit medical products to generate significant profits from their illicit activities,

CONCERNED about the absence of reliable information available to the international police community on the subject of counterfeit medical products and the links with transnational organized crime,

RECOGNIZING efforts made by the General Secretariat to combat these offences by the secondment of a crime intelligence officer to the World Health Organization's International Medical Products Anti-counterfeiting Task Force (IMPACT) to provide leadership and improve collective efforts to facilitate and co-ordinate regional law enforcement interventions into transnational medical product counterfeiting,

CONVINCED of the need to improve international co-operation to combat counterfeit medical products,

URGES the National Central Bureaus (NCBs), with the support of all relevant law enforcement agencies including specialist intellectual property and public health crime investigative units in member countries, to exchange without delay information about all cases of counterfeit medical products involving transnational organized criminals.

Adopted.