



RESOLUTION

Subject: INTERPOL Travel Document Initiative

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Doha, Qatar, from 8 to 11 November 2010 at its 79th session:

MINDFUL OF Article 31 of INTERPOL's Constitution, which states that "In order to further its aims, the Organization needs the constant and active co-operation of its Members, who should do all within their power which is compatible with the legislations of their countries to participate diligently in its activities",

BEARING IN MIND that, when fighting international crime and providing assistance at the request of an affected country, aid from INTERPOL or its member countries' law enforcement officials can be slowed down or stopped because of time-consuming visa requirements or bureaucratic formalities,

RECOGNIZING that delays in providing aid may weaken the effectiveness of the response offered by INTERPOL and law enforcement services and harm the best interests of the country requesting assistance,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that legitimate border-security concerns can be addressed and the sovereignty of member countries protected while expediting the visa-clearance process on behalf of officials from INTERPOL and its member countries invited by the countries concerned to provide assistance,

RECALLING that the purpose of the INTERPOL Travel Document is to expedite border crossings by designated officials carrying out official duties on INTERPOL-related matters by granting INTERPOL Travel Document holders special visa status (visa waiver, expedited visa or other special visa treatment),

UNDERSTANDING that, by joining this initiative, member countries will ensure that their citizens will benefit from law enforcement support and assistance without delays attributed to obtaining visas,

WELCOMES the creation of the INTERPOL Travel Document in the form of an INTERPOL e-Passport Booklet and an INTERPOL e-Identification Card;

ENCOURAGES all member countries to recognize the INTERPOL Travel Document and to grant its holders special visa status in order to facilitate their travel when carrying out official duties on INTERPOL-related matters at the request of the countries concerned;

ASKS those Members that recognize the INTERPOL Travel Document to notify the General Secretariat and the other Members of their acceptance and their requirements for acceptance of this document;

ASKS the General Secretariat to provide regular updates on the progress of the initiative;

ENCOURAGES the General Secretariat to help interested member countries take the necessary steps – within the limits of their national laws – to grant a special visa status to INTERPOL Travel Document holders.

Adopted