

RESOLUTION

Subject: Co-operation with the international banking industry

The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19 to 22 September 2006 at its 75th session:

RECOGNIZING that economic and financial crime is becoming increasingly global in character and must therefore be combated at global level,

RECALLING Interpol's long-standing firm commitment to combating economic and financial crime and to strengthening co-operation between Interpol and the international banking industry, as evidenced by previous resolutions, notably:

Resolution AGN/66/RES/16 on counterfeit payment cards,

Resolution AGN/57/RES/15 on the creation of "Committees for co-operation between the law enforcement and banking communities",

Resolution AGN/57/RES/11 on the assistance of auditors in combating economic and financial crime,

Resolution AGN/56/11 and AGN/55/RES/18 on co-operation between banking and financial institutions and associations and law enforcement agencies,

CONSIDERING that the international banking industry, in particular those institutions that are responsible for the prevention and detection of financial crime, shares Interpol's aims regarding the prevention and investigation of crime affecting assets and the security and continuity of the banking and diversified financial services business within the context of global financial operations,

RECOGNIZING the necessity to further increase co-operation with the international banking industry, within the limits of countries' existing laws and existing co-operation between the banking industry and law enforcement at the national level, with a view to combating economic and financial crime,

IN CONFORMITY WITH Article 8 of the Constitution

1. GIVES its approval for the Secretary General to devise ways to increase co-operation with the international banking industry, within the limits of countries' existing laws, with a view to combating economic and financial crime. For that purpose, it:

2. AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to undertake the following activities:
 - (a) Request and collect information from the international banking industry, through the National Central Bureaus, concerning typologies, trends and modi operandi in the field of economic and financial crime, within the limits of countries' existing laws and with a view to making the information available to the Interpol community;
 - (b) Analyse and provide information regarding typologies, trends and modi operandi in economic and financial crime to National Central Bureaus, which shall be responsible for liaising with financial institutions in their countries when necessary;
 - (c) Assist in the development of alerts on trends observed in the field of financial crime that can be used for the primary objectives of the international banking industry;
 - (d) Participate in joint training activities and the development of technical assistance between the international banking industry and Interpol in the field of financial crime;
 - (e) Compile a "Best Practice" guide to facilitate the implementation of mutual assistance between banking institutions and national police forces, via the National Central Bureaus, enabling checks requiring searches on international databases to be run on the identities of foreign clients;
3. AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to make the necessary arrangements with the international banking industry to implement the aforementioned activities within the appropriate legal framework and consistent with co-operation initiatives between law enforcement and the banking industry that might already exist at the national level;
4. ASKS the General Secretariat to submit for its consideration a report to the 78th session of the General Assembly (2009) on the development of such co-operation and its benefits for international police co-operation.

Adopted.