

RESOLUTION

Subject: Standard operating procedures to systematically compare unidentified fingerprints and DNA profiles taken from crime scenes against INTERPOL's databases

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly meeting in Singapore from 11 to 15 October 2009 at its 78th session:

CONSIDERING the important role of INTERPOL's Fingerprint and DNA databases in solving crime and identify fugitives, by comparing crime scene data with fingerprints and DNA of known offenders,

BEARING IN MIND that the Fingerprint and DNA databases are only useful if populated with relevant and up-to date records,

RECOGNIZING the significant development of INTERPOL's forensic databases and the need to further extend access to these databases to all national law enforcement agencies,

ACKNOWLEDGING that sharing and storing forensic data in these databases can be a decisive factor in solving crime on international and national level,

CONVINCED that INTERPOL's Fingerprint and DNA databases, if populated will be of great use to all member countries in combating international crime,

MINDFUL of the need to comply with national legislations when sharing forensic data;

URGES the National Central Bureaus to:

1. liaise with the appropriate authorities in their respective country in order to encourage the development of standard operating procedures at the national level that will ensure that law enforcement agencies in member countries systematically share and update Fingerprints and DNA profiles to be compared with existing data and stored for a future comparison. This should include all Finger marks and DNA profiles from unsolved crimes, as well as Fingerprints and DNA profiles taken from offenders which are citizens of other countries;
2. liaise with law enforcement agencies in their country in order to improve access to INTERPOL General Secretariat's databases through the DNA Gateway on the I-24/7 dashboard and for Fingerprints through the AFIS mail gateway on the E-ASF;
3. take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with technical standards recommended by INTERPOL in order to facilitate the international exchange of the Fingerprints and DNA for international police cooperation. The INTERPOL standards can be consulted on the INTERPOL web site www.interpol.int.

Adopted.