

RESOLUTION

Subject: Draft Cooperation Agreement between the International Criminal Police Organization - INTERPOL and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia-Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP-ISC)

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Rome, Italy, from 5 to 8 November 2012 at its 81st session:

BEARING IN MIND Article 41 of the Organization's Constitution,

RECOGNIZING that ReCAAP-ISC is the first government-to-government agreement that aims to address the incidence of piracy and armed robbery in Asia by enhancing multilateral cooperation among regional countries through exchanging information, facilitating operational cooperation, analysing the patterns and trends of piracy and armed robbery against ships and supporting the capacity building efforts of Contracting Parties,

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the increase in maritime piracy and armed robbery in the world's seas,

ACKNOWLEDGING that maritime piracy is not contained within national borders, that maritime piracy is planned and financed through transnational criminal networks, and that investigation of piracy and prosecution of suspected pirates therefore requires international cooperation,

RECALLING United Nations Security Council Resolution 2020 which urges States and international organizations to share evidence and information for anti-piracy law enforcement purposes with a view to ensuring effective prosecution of suspected, and imprisonment of convicted pirates,

CONSIDERING that INTERPOL is pursuing the goal of developing enhanced cooperation with other international and regional organizations,

RECOGNIZING accordingly the desirability of INTERPOL and ReCAAP-ISC cooperating in the fight against piracy and armed robbery against ships,

HAVING EXAMINED the Report AG-2012-RAP-02 which sets out a Draft Cooperation Agreement between the International Criminal Police Organization – INTERPOL and the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia-Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP-ISC),

DEEMING that the Draft Cooperation Agreement given at Appendix 1 to Report AG-2012-RAP-02 conforms to the Organization's interests and rules;

APPROVES the Draft Cooperation Agreement given at Appendix 1 to Report AG-2012-RAP-02;

AUTHORIZES the Secretary General to sign it.

Approved