

RESOLUTION

Subject: Towards the development of a comprehensive strategy to fight cybercrime through the implementation of a single network of contact points for cooperation and exchange of data

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

AWARE that cybercrime has now acquired a transnational dimension as a result of the opportunities opened up by global services available on the Internet, of the globalization of markets, and of the diffusion of technological tools,

CONSIDERING the serious threats posed by criminal organizations to the security of citizens through the increasingly widespread use of the Internet and of new technologies to carry out cybercrime offences or to facilitate the commission of conventional crimes,

RECALLING the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime of 23 November 2001, that calls upon the States Parties to implement systems of international cooperation, taking into account the transnational dimension of cybercrime,

ACKNOWLEDGING that cybercrime is growing both in terms of number and economic dimension, and that it is essential to promptly acquire information during investigations, which is often scattered throughout computer systems in many different countries,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the rapid acquisition of computer evidence is increasingly essential also in the investigation of serious crimes, and that this kind of evidence can be easily concealed or may go missing if not promptly obtained,

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of INTERPOL and its ability to bring together its 190 member countries through quick and proven procedures, and to ensure a better and faster exchange of police information,

RECALLING Resolution AG-2008-RES-07, which invited all member countries, through their National Central Bureaus, to extend access to the I-24/7 communications system to their national cybercrime units,

RECALLING that INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data, which entered into force on 1 July 2012, require National Central Bureaus that wish to extend access to the I-24/7 communications system at national level to conclude a prior agreement with the national entity concerned, in order to clearly set out the conditions and the scope of the access rights granted,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that INTERPOL has specialized National Reference Points for the exchange of police information on cybercrime,

AWARE of the role the Organization can play in order to promote common action to fight the different types of crime, by adopting an effective communication channel for the exchange of information among investigators from different countries,

ENCOURAGES member countries to set up a 24/7 Contact Point at their own cybercrime investigative units, following the model of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the G8 24/7 Network, in order to provide cooperation and assistance for the acquisition of police information;

REQUESTS the General Secretariat to conduct a detailed assessment to explore the possibility of establishing, as part of a more effective global strategy against cybercrime, a communication system able to respond in real time to their requests for law enforcement cooperation from different countries,

ALSO REQUESTS the General Secretariat to report back on the results of this assessment to the General Assembly at its 82nd session in 2013.

Approved