

RESOLUTION

Subject: Sustainable Environmental Crime Programme

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

DEEPLY CONCERNED about the impact that environmental crime can have on the planet, the environment, biodiversity and human life,

TROUBLED by the influence that environmental crime has on the global economy and security,

RECOGNIZING that environmental crime is not restricted by borders and involves organized crime which engage in other crime types including murder, corruption, fraud and theft,

BEARING IN MIND the long-standing commitment by INTERPOL to fighting environmental crime, evidenced by AGN/61/RES/12 recommending that INTERPOL form the Environmental Crime Committee,

ACKNOWLEDGING that environmental law enforcement is not always the responsibility of one national agency, but rather, is multi-disciplinary in nature due to the complexity and diversity of the crime type which can encompass disciplines such as wildlife, pollution, fisheries, forestry, natural resources and climate change, with reaching effect into other areas of crime,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that there is a vital need for a global response to combating environmental crime and that INTERPOL, as the largest international police organization, should play a leading role in supporting the international enforcement efforts,

CONSIDERING that not one national agency is responsible for enforcing environmental laws, that there is a need for these responsible agencies to be connected with INTERPOL and the National Central Bureaus and that these agencies contribute to the enforcement efforts alongside the international police community,

URGES the member countries and partner organizations of INTERPOL to support the Organization by making voluntary financial contributions or, in the case of member countries, by seconding specialized personnel in support of the INTERPOL Environmental Crime Programme;

URGES the National Central Bureaus to support the Environmental Crime Programme by connecting with the responsible national agencies and encouraging their involvement and support.
