



DRAFT CONCLUSION No. 2

Subject: Enhancing cohesion between the National Central Bureaus and the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee to focus efforts to tackle environmental crime and dismantle criminal networks

The 12th Annual Heads of NCB Conference, meeting in Lyon, France, from 26 to 28 April 2016:

RECOGNIZING that other types of crime may be linked to environmental crimes,

BEARING IN MIND the previous resolutions regarding environmental security issues:

- AGN/61/RES/12, deciding that an Environmental Crime Working Party under INTERPOL's auspices be set up,
- AGN/62/RES/5, inviting member countries to encourage the setting up of a special police department in each country to deal with law enforcement, investigations and statistics relating to environmental crime,
- AGN/62/RES/6, urging member countries to ensure that measures are taken to control trade in, possession of, and illicit traffic in species of wild fauna and flora,
- AGN/63/RES/12, asking National Central Bureaus to report all international environmental crime cases, and share to the greatest extent possible such information with each other and the General Secretariat,
- AGN/65/RES/25, asking the National Central Bureaus to set up a national working party on problems of waste,
- AG-2010-RES-03, urging member countries and partner organizations to support INTERPOL by making voluntary financial contributions or by seconding specialized personnel, and urging the National Central Bureaus to connect with the responsible national agencies and encourage their involvement and support, and
- AG-2014-RES-03, urging member countries to tackle emerging threats in environmental security,

NOTING that addressing environmental crime and related forms of crime require a common strategy, in order to strengthen enforcement and increase international cooperation,

RECALLING the urgent need to support member countries in their transnational investigations into criminals and networks, including supply chains (source, transit and destination countries),

CONCLUDES THAT:

In the framework of INTERPOL's support to member countries to identify priority criminal targets and coordinate joint investigations with the aim of dismantling criminal networks, and to identify and respond to emerging criminal threats, NCBs should, when appropriate, and in coordination with law enforcement agencies:

- Support the implementation of Resolution AGN-61-RES-12, and Resolution AG-2014-RES-03 which established the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee composed of member countries to explore the role of law enforcement agencies in mitigating climate change, to identify criminal behaviours associated with climate change and provide recommendations to the INTERPOL General Assembly;
- Support the INTERPOL General Secretariat in delivering, with the assistance of the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee, an annual strategic analysis on current and emerging threats in the sectors of the environment, biodiversity, and natural resources, based on the annual summary reports prepared for the General Secretariat by the national working parties within the NCBs, as envisaged by Resolution AGN/65/RES/25;
- Support the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee's specialized working groups on fisheries, wildlife, forestry and pollution issues, to provide an operational assessment of the criminal threats, vulnerabilities, opportunities, solutions and recommendations to the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee Advisory Board which they assist;
- Support the General Secretariat in developing a regional capability within the Regional Bureaus to support member countries in identifying and meeting their investigative, analytical and capacity needs with respect to the environment, biodiversity and natural resources;
- Encourage the donor community and member countries to increase their investment in INTERPOL's Environmental Security Programme and build a response capable of addressing transnational and transcontinental environmental security threats.
