



## Resolution No. 3

AG-2014-RES-03

**Subject:** INTERPOL response to emerging threats in Environmental Security

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Monaco from 3 to 7 November 2014 at its 83rd session:

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, encouraging member countries to set up a special police department to deal with law enforcement, investigations and statistics relating to environmental crime,
- AGN/62/RES/6, urging member countries to ensure that measures were taken to control trade in, possession of, and illicit traffic in species of wild fauna and flora,
- AGN/63/RES/12, requesting 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,

DEEPLY CONCERNED about environmental security, considering the impact that environmental crime and violations can have on a nation's political stability, environmental quality, its natural resources, biodiversity, economy and human life,

CONVINCED that organized criminal networks engaged in financial crime, fraud, corruption, illicit trade and human trafficking are also engaged in or facilitating environmental crime,

RECOGNIZING the role of law enforcement in ensuring environmental security nationally, regionally and internationally,

CONVINCED that international law enforcement cooperation is essential to guarantee environmental security and that INTERPOL, as the largest international police organization, should play a leading role in supporting the global environmental security efforts,

URGES member countries to:

- Raise awareness among law enforcement authorities, including INTERPOL National Central Bureaus, of environmental crimes and violations, their causes and their impact on national security;
- Develop concepts and tools in response to current and emerging threats, such as the National Environmental Security Taskforce (NEST);
- Engage in the activities of the Environmental Crime Working Party, known as the Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee;
- Ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, relevant police information gathered in the framework of investigations and operations is transmitted to the General Secretariat for inclusion in INTERPOL's global police databases;

TASKS the General Secretariat to:

- Establish regional environmental security task forces to consider the complexity and diversity of environmental crime and encompass disciplines such as wildlife, pollution, fisheries, forestry, natural resources and climate change, and invites National Central Bureaus and other agencies to participate;
- Promote the establishment of a forum for the intergovernmental community to consider its responses to environmental security threats;

URGES member countries to fully utilize INTERPOL's operational tools and services in their efforts targeting environmental crime.

**Approved**