



RESOLUTION

Subject: Privileges and immunities in the framework of IRT and IMEST deployments

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

BEARING IN MIND that INTERPOL Incident Response Teams (IRTs) are intended to help member countries, at their request, whenever a crime or a large-scale disaster occurs or may occur on their territory,

BEARING IN MIND that INTERPOL Major Events Support Teams (IMESTs) are intended to help member countries, at their request, make security arrangements in preparation for major events,

CONSIDERING Report No. AG-2004-RAP-27 adopted by the General Assembly at its 73rd session which recognizes IRTs as an INTERPOL service to member countries in response to operational challenges facing policing that require rapid and substantive information sharing, co-operation support and intelligence assistance,

NOTING the increasing number of IRTs and IMESTs deployed since 2002,

RECOGNIZING the need for the Organization and its staff to benefit from international legal protection on the territory of a member country where they are called upon to carry out their duties,

RECOGNIZING the need for the Organization's staff to enjoy privileges and immunities in order to be able to carry out their duties independently while deployed as members of IRTs or IMESTs on the territory of a member country,

RECOGNIZING that diplomatic privileges and immunities are among the oldest international guarantees created and that their aim is mainly to maintain relations of mutual assistance and international exchanges in times of crisis,

CONSIDERING that privileges and immunities are recognized by international law as the fundamental guarantee of the independence of international organizations in times of crisis,

RECALLING that privileges and immunities are accorded to the Organization and its staff by member countries with which the Organization has concluded Headquarters Agreements,

ALSO RECALLING that privileges and immunities are granted by countries hosting the statutory meetings of the Organization,

ASKS the National Central Bureaus of member countries requesting the deployment of an IRT or an IMEST to urge the competent national authorities to grant the Organization and its staff the privileges and immunities necessary for the proper conduct of the team's activities and the accomplishment of its mission in conformity with international public law.

Adopted