



Resolution No. 4

GA-2023-91-RES-04

Subject: Report of the Working Group to Review Legal Provisions Relating to INTERPOL’s Governance Bodies – Amendments to Regulations and Rules of the Organization pertaining to the procedures of the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies

The ICPO-INTERPOL General Assembly, meeting in Vienna, Austria, from 28 November to 1 December 2023, at its 91st session:

RECALLING Resolution GA-2018-87-RES-15, on the establishment of a Working Group to Review Legal Provisions Relating to INTERPOL’s Governance Bodies (“Working Group on Governance”), and Resolution GA-2022-90-RES-04, tasking the Working Group on Governance to continue discharging its mandate in accordance with its programme of work and to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its 91st session, including, if appropriate, draft amendments to INTERPOL’s legal texts,

HAVING CONSIDERED Report GA-2023-91-REP-05, submitted by the Working Group on Governance, on the progress made, and containing the Working Group’s explanatory report on the proposed amendments to legal texts set out in Appendix 6 to that report,

REAFFIRMING the importance for the proper functioning of the Organization of a solid governance structure that meets the increasing demands on the Organization and that is well suited to the international environment in which the Organization operates,

EMPHASIZING the crucial need for continued review of the legal provisions relating to INTERPOL’s governance,

NOTING the various considerations, as set out in Appendix 6 to Report GA-2023-91-REP-05, leading the Working Group to recommend that the INTERPOL Working Group on Governance be converted into a standing committee,

EXPRESSES its appreciation to the Working Group on Governance for its commitment and for the work accomplished;

ADOPTS the Progress Report of the Working Group to Review Legal Provisions Relating to INTERPOL’s Governance Bodies (Report GA-2023-91-REP-05);

ENDORSES the Working Group's proposals regarding its proposed reform pertaining to INTERPOL's General Assembly;

APPROVES all of the amendments to the relevant provisions of the General Regulations, the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Rules concerning the organization of sessions of the General Assembly, the Terms of Reference for the Regional Conferences, the Terms of Reference of the Heads of National Central Bureaus Conference, and the Financial Regulations, as set out in Sections 2 to 8 of Appendix 7 to the aforementioned report;

DECIDES that the aforementioned amendments shall enter into force immediately, following the close of the 91st session of the General Assembly;

ENDORSES the proposal by the Working Group on Governance to that effect;

ASKS the Executive Committee to consider, and where applicable to adjust and adopt, Draft Rule 7.4.1 of the Financial Regulations concerning the criteria and procedure for the selection and appointment of External Auditors, as presented in Appendix 7 to the present report;

REQUESTS the Working Group to specifically review the mandates of the General Assembly's committees, notably the Regional Conferences, the Committee on the Processing of Data and the Working Group on Governance;

ALSO TASKS the Working Group to continue its deliberations regarding the future name and composition of the Working Group on Governance as a standing committee;

SUPPORTS the revised programme of work that the Working Group on Governance intends to pursue until 2025, as described in the above-mentioned report;

ALSO ASKS the Working Group on Governance to submit a progress report on its new programme of work to the General Assembly at its 92nd session and to submit, if necessary, further proposals for reform pertaining to INTERPOL's governing bodies;

FURTHER TASKS the General Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the work of the Working Group on Governance and assist it in discharging its mandate.

Adopted: 133 votes in favour, 8 against, 1 abstention