

Resolution No AGN/20/RES/11

Request for international inquiries

The International Criminal Police Commission, meeting at its General Assembly in Lisbon, from June 10th to 15th, 1951 ;

Having taken cognizance of the communication submitted by its President Mr F. E. LOUWAGE, as also the report drawn up by the specialized Sub-Committee presided over by Professor LÜTHI ;

RECOMMENDS to its members and to the Heads of the National Central Bureaus to see that no request for information, notice of persons wanted and, above all, no request for provisional arrest for offences of a predominantly political, racial or religious character, is ever sent to the International Bureau or to the National Central Bureaus, even if - in the requesting country - the facts amount to an offence against the ordinary law ;

DECIDES, in order to comply as nearly as possible with the provisions of article 1 of the Statutes, that in case of doubt with regard to the political, racial or religious character of a request, the Chief of the International Bureau, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the I.C.P.C., be authorized to suspend the circulation of any request for information or notice of persons wanted emanating from a National Central Bureau or any other police authority ; the Secretary-General will get in touch with the requesting police authority in order to ask for such information as may be necessary to enable him to appreciate the exact nature of the acts and the true situation of the delinquents ;

RECOMMENDS, moreover, to the Members and Chiefs of the National Central Bureaus also to take care, as far as possible, that the requests which reach them from foreign police authorities do not appear to violate the principles set forth in the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of the present resolution and to notify immediately, if necessary, the international Bureau in Paris, who will inform the Secretary-General. The President will be informed by the Secretary-General of the acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present resolution ;

DECIDES, moreover, that police authorities who address either to the International Bureau for circulation to the National Central Bureaus, or to a foreign National Bureau, requests for information or enquiries, must take full responsibility for any political, racial or religious question that may be raised by their request.