

RESOLUTION

Subject: Identification of disaster victims.

HAVING BEEN INFORMED, at the meeting of Heads of NCBs, of the report on the second meeting of the Standing Working Party on Disaster Victim Identification,

BEARING IN MIND Resolution No. AGN/50/RES/3 (Nice, 1981) recommending that the experts in different countries keep each other and the General Secretariat regularly informed about their respective work in this field and that a Standing Working Party be established to consider new developments,

CONSIDERING that identification of disaster victims is a matter of increasing international importance, The ICPO-Interpol General Assembly, meeting in Belgrade from 6th to 13th October 1986 at its 55th session:

APPROVES the proposal of the Standing Working Party on Disaster Victim Identification to establish a Sub-Committee to study the following:

- (1) updating of the Disaster Victim Identification Form in the light of the experience gained in the different countries, as reported to the Standing Working Party at its second meeting;
- (2) the possibility of using electronic data processing techniques to identify disaster victims and the possible influence of such techniques on the lay-out and contents of the Form;

ASKS the Secretary General, after consultation with the NCBs, to establish and circulate an updated list of countries that have disaster victim units;

ASKS the Secretary General to consult the NCBs that have disaster victim identification units, in order to establish:

- (1) the types of courses organized in different countries for personnel attached to disaster victim identification units (police training, basic training in forensic medicine and in forensic odontology);
- (2) their willingness and ability to accept foreign trainees (police officers, physicians and dentists specializing in forensic medicine and in forensic odontology).

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FAIL TO PREPARE - PREPARE TO FAIL, 47

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- Appendix # 8** A photograph taken in the Finnish DVI Center, ForMedInstitute/Helsinki. The DVI Team members in their computerized work, February 1989.
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- Appendix # 10** Interpol DVI Form, Ante Mortem, A 1, enhanced for easy readability for the international exchange of AM and PM information with a special forms program (TrueForm).
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