

"Resolution of Tangier to strengthen the fight against counterfeiting"

The 2nd Euro-Mediterranean Meeting of National anti-counterfeiting Committees, based on the Cannes Declaration of October 2008 with the primary objective of strengthening the fight against counterfeiting, was attended by representatives from Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, and Slovenia, to Tangier December 4, 2009.

Whereas:

- Counterfeiting is a global plague that affects all economic sectors of industry, trade, agriculture and handicrafts;
- The geographical expansion and the increasing growth in production, transit and supply of counterfeits is a worrying cross-border threat border, often linked to organized crime;
- Counterfeiting is a danger threatening national economies, affecting innovation and business competitiveness, employment, and consumers for their health and safety;

Are committed to:

- Maintain and strengthen domestic coordination in the fight against counterfeiting between the government authorities responsible for combating counterfeiting, on the basis of a public / private partnership;
- Support projects to create National anti-counterfeiting Committees;
- Strengthen their cooperation by exchanging information;
- Keep on strengthening the training quite necessary to fight against counterfeiting;
- Aware consumers in the fight against counterfeiting;
- Meet each other at least once a year to take stock of progress made and identify actions that can be implemented to enhance the fight against counterfeiting;
- Establish a Mediterranean network of persons in charge of monitoring the implementation of proposed actions;
- Fight against e- counterfeiting.

The first concrete measures of cooperation between member states of this Resolution to be implemented later in the year 2010 are as follows:

1. A visit to France and Morocco for any state wishing it; this visit enabling to discover the conditions of the formation of NACC and its organization;
2. A mission study on the involvement of authorities responsible for the repression of counterfeiting in France (or any other Member State wishing it) dedicated to their counterparts in member states of the present resolution;
3. The Creating of a network with appointment (contact: telephone and mail) of focal points in charge of anti-counterfeiting fight in those states.
4. The participants agreed to hold the next meeting in 2010 in GRECE.