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To the attention of the JPSG Co-Chairs and the delegations of national parliaments and the European parliament to the JPSG Europol

Dear colleagues,

With a view to the next JPSG meeting on 23-24 September 2019 in Brussels, and the agenda item for this meeting on the revision of the JPSG Rules-of-Procedure, the Dutch JPSG delegation would like to propose the amendments listed in the Annex.

The amendments relate to the organisation of the JPSG secretariat (article 3.3 RoP), the right for JPSG-members to ask questions to Europol (art 4.2) and the JPSG Representative to the Europol Management Board (art 5).

Issues addressed in the amendments concern a timely availability of documents prior to each JPSG meeting, the introduction of a maximum period for a reply by Europol to written questions, as well as the introduction of the requirement for the JPSG Co-Chairs to communicate a motivation when rejecting questions.

As to the JPSG representative to the Europol Management Board, the Dutch JPSG delegation would, for reasons of continuity, suggest the term of the representative to be 18 months. Appointment by consensus should be aimed for, alternatively election by simple majority should apply. Moreover, the delegation proposes that the representative to be elected shall not originate from a Member State holding membership of the EU Troika.

Yours sincerely,



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ARTICLE 3.3: JPSG SECRETARIAT

The JPSG Secretariat shall be provided by ~~the Presidential Troika~~ the EU Member State holding the EU Presidency, for the duration of six months. The Secretariat, supported by the secretariat of the LIBE Committee of the European Parliament, shall assist the Co-Chairs and Presidential Troika in their respective tasks and competences. It shall also fulfil administrative tasks i.a. prepare and communicate the documents for each meeting to JPSG members. Documents shall be circulated well in advance, at least two weeks before each meeting.

ARTICLE 4.2: RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS

Members of the JPSG may address both oral and written questions to Europol. Written questions may also be asked outside the meeting framework and independently of items listed on the agenda and shall be answered no later than two months after having been submitted within an appropriate timeframe. The questions shall reflect the mandate of the JPSG as defined in Regulation (EU) 2016/794 (Europol Regulation). These questions shall be relayed to Europol after their admissibility has been checked by the Co-Chairs and the question is deemed to be in line with the Europol regulation. If an oral or written question is deemed inadmissible, this should be explicitly motivated. A further written reply can be requested in case the answer to an oral question is deemed insufficient.

ARTICLE 5: REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EUROPOL

The JPSG shall ~~appoint~~ elect, from its full Members, a representative who will be entitled to attend, in accordance with Article 14 of the Europol Regulation and for a duration ~~determined by the JPSG of eighteen months, encompassing three successive EU Presidencies~~, meetings of the Management Board of Europol as a non-voting observer. The representative shall report back to the JPSG after each meeting of the Management Board on his/her main findings in writing. The representative elected shall not be from a Member State that during his or her term is part of the EU Troika. If his or her parliamentary mandate expires during the term of representation, a new election shall be organised. Elections shall take place during the bi-annual JPSG-meetings. Appointment by consensus shall be aimed for, otherwise election by simple majority shall apply. Names of candidates plus a resume shall be circulated at least two weeks in advance of the election.