

**DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY GROUP ON EUROPOL**

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<p style="text-align: center;">PREAMBLE</p>		
<p><u>The Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol,</u></p>		
<p>having regard to :</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article 88 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protocol No 1 to the Treaties on the Role of National Parliaments in the European Union, 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), 		

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hereinafter referred to as the “Europol Regulation”, applicable as of 1 May 2017,		
and in accordance with the Conclusions of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments at its meetings of 22-24 May 2016 in Luxembourg and of 23-24 April 2017 in Bratislava,		
adopted these Rules of Procedure on in		
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 1 TASKS AND COMPETENCE</p>		
The tasks and competence of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group are enshrined in the Europol Regulation, in particular in article 51.		
<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE 2 COMPOSITION</p>		
2.1 Members	<p>(CY 2.1 a)</p> <p>2.1. Full members</p>	<p>(CY 2.1 a)</p>

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<p>(a) Each national Parliament of a Member State applying the Europol Regulation shall be represented by a maximum of four members in the JPSG, in the case of bicameral parliaments each Chamber shall have the right to nominate up to two members to the JPSG. The European Parliament shall be represented by maximum of 16 members in the JPSG. ¹</p>	<p>(CY 2.1 a)</p> <p>(a) Each national Parliament of an EU Member State applying the Europol Regulation shall be represented by a maximum of four members in the JPSG, in the case of bicameral parliaments each Chamber shall have the right to nominate up to two members to the JPSG. The European Parliament shall be represented by maximum of 16 members in the JPSG. ²</p>	<p>(CY 2.1 a)</p> <p><i>The rights of Full Members must be set out in a clearer fashion and perhaps create three categories of participants: full members, non-voting members and observers.</i></p>
<p>The number of members nominated by each Parliament/Chamber shall not affect the equality of Parliaments/Chambers. Each Parliament/Chamber may nominate substitute members to replace full members in case of absence.</p>		
<p>b) Members of the JPSG shall be selected individually by each Parliament/Chamber, bearing in mind the necessity to ensure substance matter expertise as well as long-term continuity. Where possible, members of the JPSG shall be nominated for the duration of their parliamentary mandate;</p>		

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2.2 Observers	<p>(CY 2.2)</p> <p>2.2. Non-voting Members and Observers</p>	<p>(CY 2.2 + CY 2.2.1)</p> <p><i>We strongly believe that there must be a distinction between EU Member States that have an Agreement with Europol and non-EU countries. Perhaps the right to vote, to Co-Chair, to nominate for the post of the Representative of the JPSG to the Management Board and to request documents from Europol, should be retained for full members, but the right to participate in “in camera” meetings, to speak and to propose amendments should be afforded to non-voting Members, in view of the increased responsibilities EU Member States with an Operational Agreement have.</i></p>
<p>The JPSG can invite non-voting observers from the list of third countries and international organisations with which Europol has concluded agreements or from EU Member States that have concluded an Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation with Europol.</p>	<p>(CY 2.2.1)</p> <p>The JPSG shall invite non-voting Members from the list of EU Member States that have concluded an Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation with Europol.</p>	
	<p>(CY 2.3. a new)</p> <p>2.3. a (new) The JPSG may decide to invite to particular meetings observers from the list of international organisations or non-EU countries with which Europol has concluded Agreements. Observers shall not have the right to vote.</p>	<p>(CY 2.3. a new)</p> <p><i>As provided by the Europol Regulation, scrutiny of Europol must remain an internal procedure.</i></p>
2.3 Representatives of Europol, guests and experts		

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<p>Pursuant to the Europol Regulation, and in particular article 51, the Chairperson of the Management Board, the Executive Director or their Deputies, and the EDPS shall appear before the JPSG at its request. The JPSG may decide, where appropriate, to invite to its meetings guests and experts with experience relevant to its competence and tasks.</p>	<p>(DE 2.3) Pursuant to the Europol Regulation, and in particular article 51, the Chairperson of the Management Board, the Executive Director or their Deputies, and the European Data Protection Supervisor shall <i>be invited to each ordinary meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol.</i> The JPSG may decide, where appropriate, to invite to its meetings guests and experts with experience relevant to its competence and tasks.</p>	<p>(DE 2.3) <i>Under the Europol Regulation, the Chairperson of the Management Board and the Executive Director or their Deputies are to appear before the JPSG at its request to discuss matters relating to the activities of Europol (point (a) of subparagraph 2 of Article 51(2)), and the European Data Protection Supervisor is to appear before the JPSG to discuss general matters relating to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons in the context of Europol activities (point (b) of subparagraph 2 of Article 51(2)). In order to facilitate the exercise of this right of the JPSG in the framework of the biannual ordinary meetings, the designated representatives of Europol and the European Data Protection Supervisor should be present at each ordinary meeting of the JPSG.</i></p>
<p>ARTICLE 3 PRESIDENCY AND MEETINGS</p>	<p>(DE 3) ARTICLE 3 <i>STRUCTURE</i> AND MEETINGS</p>	<p>(DE 3) <i>In view of the proposed expansion of the structure of the JPSG (see proposals (3) to (5) below), the title of Article 3 should be adapted accordingly.</i></p>
<p>3.1 Presidency</p>		
	<p>(DE 3.1.a)</p>	

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<p>The JPSG shall be presided jointly by the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and European Parliament, the latter represented by the Chair of the competent committee. When the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union is not taking part in the JPSG, the JPSG shall be presided jointly by the Parliament of the Member State previously holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament.</p>	<p>a) The JPSG shall be presided jointly by the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and European Parliament, the latter represented by the Chair of the competent committee (Co-Chairs). When the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union is not taking part in the JPSG, the JPSG shall be presided jointly by the Parliament of the Member State previously holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament. The Co-Chairs shall conduct the meetings and perform the duties assigned to them by the Rules of Procedure.</p>	<p>(DE 3.1 a and b)</p> <p><i>The establishment of a Presidential Troika will ensure the continuity of the work of national parliaments within the JPSG framework, particularly with regard to the task of making preparations regarding the objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG. This type of format is also enshrined in the rules of procedure of other interparliamentary bodies, such as those of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), where it features in Rule 2.5, and of the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (SECG), where it features in Rule 3.3. In particular, the Co-Chairs should be responsible for conducting the meetings of the JPSG.</i></p>
	<p>(DE 3.1.b)</p> <p>b) new Representatives of the national parliaments of the Presidency, the preceding Presidency and the following Presidency and of the European Parliament (Presidential Troika) shall make preparations regarding the</p>	

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	<p><i>objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG.</i></p>	
	<p>(DE 3.2 new)</p> <p>3.2 (new) Subgroups</p> <p><i>The JPSG may appoint subgroups to deal with particular aspects of the activities of Europol. The subgroups shall submit recommendations to the JPSG and shall decide themselves on the frequency, dates and times of their meetings.</i></p>	<p>(DE 3.2 new)</p> <p><i>Pooling specialised expertise in subgroups is one of the main keys to the efficient exercise of political scrutiny. The option of setting up subordinate bodies is also enshrined in Rule 2.6 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure.</i></p>
	<p>(DE 3.3 new)</p> <p>3.3 (new) Secretariat</p> <p><i>A Secretariat shall be established to support the work of the JPSG. It shall comprise members of the staff of the Parliaments represented in the Presidential Troika.</i></p>	<p>(DE 3.3 new)</p> <p><i>Political scrutiny cannot be exercised efficiently unless the accompanying administrative tasks can be performed fully and continuously. To this end, a secretariat is required. The duties that the Secretariat would discharge are, for example, sending meeting documents and preparatory paperwork to the members of the JPSG, forwarding documents and requests from the delegations to the competent addressees, drafting and sending out minutes of meetings and reports as well as publishing documentation.</i></p>
<p>3.2 Frequency and place of meetings</p>	<p>(DE 3.4)</p> <p>3.4 Frequency and place of meetings</p>	<p>(DE 3.4)</p>

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		<i>This is a technical adjustment affecting only the numbering of rules.</i>
<p>The JPSG shall meet twice a year. In the first half of the year, the JPSG shall meet in the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union. In the second half of the year, the JPSG shall meet in the European Parliament in Brussels.</p>	<p>(CY 3.2)</p> <p>The JPSG shall meet twice a year. In the first half of the year, the JPSG shall meet in the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union. In the second half of the year, the JPSG shall meet in the European Parliament in Brussels. <i>Dates of the Meetings shall take into consideration the JPSG's role with regard to the draft Multiannual Programming.</i></p>	<p>(CY 3.2)</p>
<p>3.3 Extraordinary meetings</p>	<p>(DE 3.3)</p> <p>3.5 Extraordinary meetings</p>	

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<p>If necessary, extraordinary meetings can be convened upon agreement of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament, or upon agreement by at least one third of the Parliaments/Chambers, to address matters of urgency or matters that cannot be reasonably included in the agenda of the ordinary meetings. The dates of the extraordinary meetings shall be decided jointly by the JPSG Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament. By derogation to article 3.2., extraordinary meetings taking place in the first half of the year may be hosted by the European Parliament in Brussels.</p>	<p>(DE 3.3)</p> <p>If necessary, extraordinary meetings can be convened upon agreement of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament, or upon agreement by at least one third of the Parliaments/Chambers, to address matters of urgency or matters that cannot be reasonably included in the agenda of the ordinary meetings. The dates of the extraordinary meetings shall be decided jointly by the JPSG Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament. By way of derogation from Rule 3.4, extraordinary meetings taking place in the first half of the year may, by agreement with the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union, be hosted by the European Parliament in Brussels.</p>	<p>(DE 3.3)</p> <p><i>The first element of the amendment is a technical adjustment of the numbering. The proposed addition to the third sentence is based on the formulation used in the last sentence of point 4 of the annex to the Conclusions of the EU Speakers' Conference of 23/24 April 2017 ("Time and place of the extraordinary meetings shall be decided by the Parliament of the country holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament"). It therefore seems appropriate to specify that requirement in this rule.</i></p>

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	<p>(HU 3.3)</p> <p>If necessary, extraordinary meetings can be convened upon agreement of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament, or upon agreement by at least one third of the Parliaments/Chambers, to address matters of urgency or matters that cannot be reasonably included in the agenda of the ordinary meetings. The dates and venue of the extraordinary meetings shall be decided jointly by the JPSG Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament.</p>	<p>(HU 3.3)</p> <p><i>The venue of the extraordinary meetings should not be restricted to one certain place/location, our recommendation is that the venue should be a free choice jointly decided by the JPSG Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament.</i></p>

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	<p>(FR 3.4.new)</p> <p>3.4 a (new) Secretariat</p> <p><i>The secretariat is provided for by pooling the means and resources of all the secretariats of the competent committees in national Parliaments in relationship with the European Parliament.</i></p> <p><i>(FR version: 3.4 a (new) Secrétariat</i></p> <p><i>Le secrétariat du GCPC est assuré grâce à une mise en réseau des secrétariats des commissions compétentes des parlements nationaux, en relation avec le Parlement européen.)</i></p>	<p>(FR 3.4.new)</p> <p><i>In order to provide for the administrative efficiency of the JPSG, it is necessary to endow the Group with a secretariat in charge –among other duties– of circulating information between the members. The Rules of the group do not mention such a secretariat and this amendment is tabled in order to fill this gap.</i></p> <p><i>The secretariat will be all the more effective if it benefits from the pooling of means and resources of both the secretariats of all the committees in charge of the subject in national parliaments (committees for European affairs and committees for legislation for example) and the secretariats of committees of the European Parliament (such as the LIBE Committee).</i></p> <p><i>It is reminded that article 3.6 of the Rules of the so called “Article 13 conference” mentions the tasks of its secretariat.</i></p> <p>FR version</p> <p><i>Pour assurer l’efficacité administrative du Groupe de contrôle parlementaire conjoint, il est indispensable de le doter d’un secrétariat qui assurera en particulier un échange d’informations entre les membres du Groupe. Le projet de règlement intérieur du</i></p>

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		<p><i>Groupe ne mentionne pas un tel secrétariat. Cet amendement a pour objet de pallier cette lacune.</i></p> <p><i>Ce secrétariat sera d'autant plus opérationnel qu'il bénéficiera de la mise en réseau des secrétariats des commissions compétentes des parlements nationaux (commissions des affaires européennes et commissions des lois par exemple) et du Parlement européen (commission LIBE par exemple).</i></p> <p><i>On rappellera que l'article 3.6 du règlement d'ordre intérieur de la Conférence dite « de l'article 13 » évoque les tâches du secrétariat de celle-ci.</i></p>
<p>ARTICLE 4 PROCEEDINGS AND LANGUAGES</p>	<p>(DE 4)</p> <p>ARTICLE 4 PROCEEDINGS, RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS AND LANGUAGES</p>	<p>(DE 4)</p> <p><i>In view of the proposed provisions concerning a right to ask questions (see proposal 12 below), the title of Article 4 should be adjusted accordingly.</i></p>

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4.1 Conduct of meetings		
<p>(a) At the beginning of each meeting, the Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament shall present the draft agenda and submit it for adoption by the JPSG, they shall also determine the order and the length of interventions; interventions by Members can never exceed 3 minutes.</p>	<p>(CY 4.1.a)</p> <p>(a) At the beginning of each meeting, the Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament shall present the draft agenda and submit it for adoption by the JPSG, they shall also determine the order and the length of interventions.</p>	<p>(CY 4.1.a)</p> <p><i>This issue of time management does not really need to be determined by the Rules. The Co-Chairs can, on the spot, manage the speaking time.</i></p>
	<p>(IE 4.1.a)</p> <p>(a) At the beginning of each meeting, the Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament shall present the draft agenda and submit it for adoption by the JPSG, they shall also determine the order and the length of interventions; interventions by Members, should as far as is practicable not exceed 5 minutes.</p>	<p>(IE 4.1.a)</p> <p><i>We consider that if Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament take the time to travel and participate in these meetings and national Parliaments and the European Parliament support such activity, a 3 minute speaking slot is too restrictive and that a more flexible approach should be adopted.</i></p>

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<p>(b) As a general rule, the meetings of the JPSG are public and shall be conducted in full transparency.</p>	<p>(DE 4.1.b)</p> <p>(b) As a general rule, the meetings of the JPSG are public.</p>	<p>(DE 4.1.b)</p> <p><i>The reference to “full transparency” seems superfluous in the light of the public nature of the meetings.</i></p>
<p>(c) Notwithstanding point b), the JPSG may decide to hold in camera meetings when the nature of the information to be discussed so requires.</p>	<p>(DE 4.1.c)</p> <p>(c) <i>By way of derogation from point (b), the JPSG or its subgroups, acting by a simple majority of their members in attendance,</i> may decide to hold in camera meetings when the nature of the information to be discussed so requires.</p>	<p>(DE 4.1.c)</p> <p><i>To facilitate the discussion in the JPSG of documents that are not intended for the public, the procedural barriers to the conduct of in camera meetings should not be too high.</i></p>
<p>(d) A presence register of the Members and participants shall be established during each meeting.</p>		
<p>(e) The JSPG shall adopt its decisions by consensus.</p>	<p>(DE 4.1.e)</p> <p>(e) <i>Unless otherwise provided in the present Rules of Procedure,</i> The JSPG shall, <i>in principle,</i> adopt its decisions by consensus.</p>	<p>(DE 4.1.e)</p> <p><i>The proposed addition to Rule 4.1(e) reflects the wording used in paragraph 18 of the Conclusions of the EU Speakers’ Conference of 23/24 April 2017, which states that, “in principle”, the JSPG will work on the basis of consensus. This means that exceptions are possible and should not be excluded by the Rules of Procedure.</i></p>

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	<p>(CY 4.1.e)</p> <p>(e) The JSPG shall adopt its decisions, <i>including its Conclusions</i>, by consensus. <i>Abstentions do not impede adoption but are noted in the relevant decisions or Conclusions.</i></p>	<p>(CY 4.1.e)</p>
	<p>(IE 4.1.e)</p> <p>(e) The JSPG shall adopt its decisions by <i>Qualified Majority Voting (QMV) requiring a two-thirds majority.</i></p>	<p>(IE 4.1.e)</p> <p><i>We consider that reaching agreement by consensus may be prove difficult and a majority vote could be unnecessarily divisive therefore, we would recommend a Qualified Majority Vote requiring a two-thirds majority.</i></p>
	<p>(DE 4.2 new)</p> <p>4.2 Right to ask questions</p> <p><i>Members of the JPSG may address both oral and written questions to the Chairperson of the Management Board, the Executive Director and/or the European Data Protection Supervisor for an oral response at meetings of the JPSG. In addition, they may also address written questions to the aforementioned addressees outside the meeting framework.</i></p>	<p>(DE 4.2 new)</p> <p><i>The right to ask questions is one of the main instruments of parliamentary scrutiny. Obtaining information by exercising an effectively devised right to put questions to the addressees specified in the Regulation is a key to efficient political scrutiny of Europol. Given the mission of permanent scrutiny assigned by Article 51(1) of the Europol Regulation, it should be possi-ble for any member of the JPSG, both at and between meetings of the JPSG, to address written questions to the Chairperson of the Management</i></p>

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		<p><i>Board, the Executive Director and the European Data Protection Supervisor. The right to ask questions, moreover, underpins the effectiveness of the power of the JPSG to hear these addressees (cf. points (a) and (b) of subparagraph 2 of Article 51(2) of the Europol Regulation). To ensure that the operational capacity of Europol is not unduly restricted by the exercise of the right to ask questions, provisions could be agreed to guarantee a reasonable scope of questions.</i></p>
<p>4.2 Working languages</p>	<p>(DE 4.2)</p> <p>4.3 Working languages</p>	
<p>The working languages of the JPSG shall be English and French. Documents published by the JSPG shall be communicated to the national Parliaments and the European Parliament in English and French.</p>	<p>(DE 4.2)</p> <p>The working languages of the JPSG shall be English, French and German. Documents published by the JSPG shall be communicated to the national Parliaments and the European Parliament in English, French and German.</p>	<p>(DE 4.2)</p> <p><i>The first element of the amendment is a technical adjustment of the numbering. Since the interparliamentary group is a scrutinising body, the language regime should be more broadly based, and consideration should be given to the practice of the European Commission as regards the applicable working languages.</i></p>

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	<p>(HR 4.2)</p> <p>The working languages of the JPSG shall be English and French. Documents published by the JSPG shall be communicated to the national Parliaments and the European Parliament in <i>their respective official languages.</i></p>	<p>(HR 4.2)</p> <p><i>Explanation of Amendments I, II, III and IV</i></p> <p><i>The official languages of the EU Member States are the official languages of the European Union. In the provisions of Rule 4.2. (Working languages) of the Draft Rules of Procedure, the proponents of the Draft Rules of Procedure suggested that the working languages of the JPSG should be French and English.</i></p> <p><i>The provisions of Rules 4.3. (Interpretation), 4.6. (Conclusions) and 6.1. (Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure) of the Draft Rules of Procedure, also make reference to the use of working languages (English and French), and to the usage of the official language(s) of the Member State holding the presidency of the European Union Council at the JPSG meetings held in that Member State during the first half of the year.</i></p> <p><i>Pursuant to the above, we find it unacceptable for the documents published by the JPSG to be sent to national parliaments in French and English (these include summaries and conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings, as well as the Rules of Procedure of the JPSG).</i></p> <p><i>We also consider it unacceptable that at the JPSG meetings which are held in the parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the</i></p>

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		<p><i>Council of the European Union in the first six months of each year, simultaneous interpretation is provided only into English, French and the language(s) of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU, and that no simultaneous interpretation is available into the languages of all the other Member States, i.e. it is also possible but the costs thereof are borne by the relevant national delegation or the European Parliament.</i></p> <p><i>Given that the equality of the EU Member States in all aspects is proclaimed by the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and is an integral part of the Union's fundamental principles, we request that the declared equality of the Member States be translated into reality in this aspect as well by accepting our amendments to the provisions of the JPSG Rules of Procedure.</i></p>
4.3 Interpretation	(DE4.3) 4.4 Interpretation	(DE 4.3) <i>The amendment is technical adjustments of the numbering.</i>

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<p>(a) Meetings at the Parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union (1st semester):</p> <p>Simultaneous interpretation from and into English and French, as well as from and into the language(s) of the Member State of the EU Council Presidency shall be provided by the Presidency Parliament. Simultaneous interpretation into additional languages may be provided if requested; its costs shall be borne by the relevant national delegation or the European Parliament. The host Parliament shall make available the appropriate technical facilities.</p>	<p>(HR 4.3a)</p> <p>Meetings at the Parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union (1st semester):</p> <p><i>Simultaneous interpretation shall be provided from and into all the official languages of the EU.</i></p>	<p>(HR 4.3a)</p> <p><i>Explanation of Amendments I, II, III and IV</i></p> <p><i>The official languages of the EU Member States are the official languages of the European Union. In the provisions of Rule 4.2. (Working languages) of the Draft Rules of Procedure, the proponents of the Draft Rules of Procedure suggested that the working languages of the JPSG should be French and English.</i></p> <p><i>The provisions of Rules 4.3. (Interpretation), 4.6. (Conclusions) and 6.1. (Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure) of the Draft Rules of Procedure, also make reference to the use of working languages (English and French), and to the usage of the official language(s) of the Member State holding the presidency of the European Union Council at the JPSG meetings held in that Member State during the first half of the year.</i></p> <p><i>Pursuant to the above, we find it unacceptable for the documents published by the JPSG to be sent to national parliaments in French and English (these include summaries and conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings, as well as the Rules of Procedure of the JPSG).</i></p> <p><i>We also consider it unacceptable that at the JPSG meetings which are held in the parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the</i></p>

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	<p>(HU 4.3a)</p> <p>(a) Meetings at the Parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union (1st semester):</p> <p>Simultaneous interpretation from and into English and French, as well as from and into the language(s) of the Member State of the EU Council Presidency shall be provided by the Presidency Parliament. Simultaneous interpretation into additional languages may be provided if requested; its costs shall be borne by the relevant national delegation or the European Parliament. The host Parliament shall make available the appropriate technical facilities.</p> <p><i>Parliaments are entitled to bring their own interpreters. Those not bringing their own interpreters may request the presiding parliament to provide interpreters for them at their own cost.</i></p>	<p>(HU 4.3a)</p> <p><i>The proposed inclusion is quoted from the Article 7 of The Stockholm Guidelines for the Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments, Adopted at the EU Speakers' Conference in Stockholm on 15 May 2010.</i></p>

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	<p>(ES 4.3a)</p> <p>(a) Meetings at the Parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union (1st semester):</p> <p>Simultaneous interpretation from and into English and French, from and into the language(s) of the Member State of the EU Council Presidency, as well as from and into official languages of those countries that so request it, shall be provided by the Presidency Parliament. Simultaneous interpretation into additional languages may be provided if requested; its costs shall be borne by the relevant national delegation or the European Parliament. The host Parliament shall make available the appropriate technical facilities.</p>	<p>(ES 4.3a)</p>
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	<p>(IE 4.3a) Simultaneous interpretation from and into <i>all EU languages shall be provided.</i></p>	<p>(IE 4.3a) <i>We consider that all EU languages should be held in the same esteem and that Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament should have the opportunity to speak and contribute in their native language. While acknowledging that this will cause an additional charge on the national Parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union this amendment is submitted with a view to creating a more equitable and fair meeting space.</i> <i>If this amendment is accepted, a new paragraph 4.3 Interpretation can be moved, as follows: “Simultaneous interpretation from and to all EU languages shall be provided”.</i></p>
<p>(b) Meetings at the European Parliament (2nd semester): Simultaneous interpretation from and into all EU languages shall be provided.</p>		
<p>4.4 Documents</p>	<p>(DE 4.4) 4.5 Documents</p>	<p>(DE 4.4) <i>The amendment is technical adjustments of the numbering.</i></p>

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<p>Documents originating from Europol that are relevant to or requested by the JPSG pursuant to article 51§4 of the Europol regulation, are to be addressed to each national parliament and the European Parliament. The respective parliaments will bear the responsibility to forward the received documents to the appointed JPSG Members.</p>		
<p>4.5 Documentation of the meetings</p>	<p><i>(DE 4.5)</i></p> <p>4.6 Documentation of the meetings</p>	

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<p>4.5.1. Agenda of the meeting</p> <p>A draft agenda shall be communicated, by the co-chairs, to all participating parliaments no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda shall only include matters relating to the scrutiny of Europol, in line with the tasks and competence of the JPSG as set out in the Europol Regulation.</p>	<p>(DE 4.5)</p> <p>4.6.1. Agenda of the meeting</p> <p><i>The draft agenda shall be prepared by the Presidential Troika, which shall communicate the draft</i> to all participating parliaments no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda shall only include matters relating to the scrutiny of Europol, in line with the tasks and competence of the JPSG as set out in the Europol Regulation. <i>Parliaments/Chambers may submit proposals on the draft agenda relating to the inclusion or deletion of items no later than two (2) weeks before the meeting.</i></p>	<p>(DE 4.5)</p> <p><i>Since the Presidential Troika should be responsible for making preparations regarding the objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG (see proposal (3) above), it would be consistent to give the Troika a substantive role in the preparation of agendas. The proposed wording of the third sentence would also enable all delegations to influence the content of agendas.</i></p>

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	<p>(CY 4.5.1)</p> <p><i>The Co-Chairs prepare a draft agenda for each Meeting, taking into account possible proposals by Members. The</i> draft agenda shall be communicated, by the co-chairs, to all participating parliaments no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda shall only include matters relating to the scrutiny of Europol, in line with the tasks and competence of the JPSG as set out in the Europol Regulation.</p>	<p>(CY 4.5.1)</p>

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<p>4.5.2. Other documents</p> <p>Prior to each meeting, delegations may send any documents relating to items of the agenda to the Co-Chairs. Each delegation shall be responsible for translating any document which it submits to the JPSG into English and/or French. The Co-Chairs may also draw up discussion documents for the JPSG.</p>	<p>(DE 4.5.2)</p> <p>4.6.2. Other documents</p> <p>Prior to each meeting, delegations may send any documents relating to items of the agenda to the Co-Chairs. Each delegation shall be responsible for translating any document which it submits to the JPSG into English, French and/or German. The Presidential Troika may also draw up discussion documents for the JPSG.</p>	<p>(DE 4.5.2) <i>(Justification for 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.6.4 and 4.7)</i></p> <p><i>The first element of this amendment is a technical adjustment of the numbering. Since the Presidential Troika should be responsible for making preparations regarding the objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG (see proposal (3) above), it would be consistent to give the Troika a substantive role in the preparation of discussion papers and of the conclusions referred to in Article 51(5) of the Europol Regulation and in requests for documents. The Secretariat should undertake the administration and forwarding of documents (see also proposal (5) above). In this context, in accordance with the approach adopted in Rule 4.5 (originally Rule 4.4), it should be specified that all meeting documents within the meaning of Rule 4.6 (originally Rule 4.5) are to be forwarded to the national parliaments and the European Parliament. As regards the broadening of the language regime, please see the explanation of proposal (13) above.</i></p>

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	<p>(CY 4.5.2)</p> <p>Prior to each meeting, delegations may send any documents relating to items of the agenda to the Co-Chairs. Each delegation shall be responsible for translating any document which it submits to the JPSG into English and/or French. The Co-Chairs may also draw up discussion documents for the JPSG. <i>The Co-Chairs shall prepare a draft document which shall be, when adopted, the JPSG's view expressed in the process of the consultation regarding the draft Multiannual Programming based on the written comments sent by Members. This draft shall be submitted to the Members of the JPSG three weeks in advance of the relevant JPSG Meeting. Members can submit amendments in writing, at least one week before the Meeting. Amendments and the document as a whole must be adopted by consensus.</i></p>	<p>(CY 4.5.2)</p>

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<p>4.5.3. Requests to Europol for providing documents</p> <p>In accordance with Article 51 (4) of the Europol Regulation, the Co-Chairs of the JPSG may request other relevant documents necessary for the fulfilment of its tasks relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. Any JPSG parliamentary delegation may submit such a written request to the Co-Chairs. Documents shall be provided in accordance with article 64 of the Europol Regulation.</p>	<p>(DE 4.5.3)</p> <p>4.6.3. Requests to Europol for providing documents</p> <p>In accordance with Article 51 (4) of the Europol Regulation, the Presidential Troika may request other relevant documents necessary for the fulfilment of its tasks relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. Any JPSG parliamentary delegation may submit such a written request to the Secretariat. Documents shall be provided in accordance with article 64 of the Europol Regulation.</p>	<p>(DE 4.5.3) <i>(Justification for 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.6.4 and 4.7)</i></p> <p><i>The first element of this amendment is a technical adjustment of the numbering. Since the Presidential Troika should be responsible for making preparations regarding the objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG (see proposal (3) above), it would be consistent to give the Troika a substantive role in the preparation of discussion papers and of the conclusions referred to in Article 51(5) of the Europol Regulation and in requests for documents. The Secretariat should undertake the administration and forwarding of documents (see also proposal (5) above). In this context, in accordance with the approach adopted in Rule 4.5 (originally Rule 4.4), it should be specified that all meeting documents within the meaning of Rule 4.6 (originally Rule 4.5) are to be forwarded to the national parliaments and the European Parliament. As regards the broadening of the language regime, please see the explanation of proposal (13) above.</i></p>

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	<p>(CY 4.5.3)</p> <p>In accordance with Article 51 (4) of the Europol Regulation, the Co-Chairs of the JPSG may request other relevant documents necessary for the fulfilment of its tasks relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. Any JPSG parliamentary delegation may submit such a written request to the Co-Chairs. Documents shall be provided in accordance with article 64 of the Europol Regulation, at least three weeks before the Meeting.</p>	<p>(CY 4.5.3)</p>
	<p>(DE 4.6.4 new)</p> <p>4.6.4. Forwarding of documents</p> <p>The documents referred to in Rules 4.6.1, 4.6.2 and 4.6.3 shall be forwarded to the national Parliaments and the European Parliament by the Secretariat.</p>	<p>(DE 4.6.4 new) <i>(Justification for 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.6.4 and 4.7)</i></p> <p><i>The first element of this amendment is a technical adjustment of the numbering. Since the Presidential Troika should be responsible for making preparations regarding the objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG (see proposal (3) above), it would be consistent to give the Troika a substantive role in the preparation of discussion papers and of the conclusions referred to in Article 51(5) of the Europol Regulation and in requests for documents. The Secretariat should undertake the</i></p>

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		<p><i>administration and forwarding of documents (see also proposal (5) above). In this context, in accordance with the approach adopted in Rule 4.5 (originally Rule 4.4), it should be specified that all meeting documents within the meaning of Rule 4.6 (originally Rule 4.5) are to be forwarded to the national parliaments and the European Parliament. As regards the broadening of the language regime, please see the explanation of proposal (13) above.</i></p>
<p>4.6. Conclusions</p> <p>In accordance with article 51 §5 of the Europol regulation, the JPSG may draw up summary conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. The Co-Chairs shall draft an initial proposal which is submitted to the JPSG for approval. The European Parliament shall forward the adopted conclusions, for information purposes, to the Council, the Commission and Europol.</p>	<p>(DE 4.6)</p> <p>4.7. Conclusions</p> <p>In accordance with article 51 §5 of the Europol regulation, the JPSG may draw up summary conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. The Presidential Troika shall draft an initial proposal which is submitted to the JPSG for approval. The European Parliament shall forward the adopted conclusions, for information purposes, to the Council, the Commission and Europol.</p>	<p>(DE 4.6) <i>(Justification for 4.6.2, 4.6.3, 4.6.4 and 4.7)</i></p> <p><i>The first element of this amendment is a technical adjustment of the numbering. Since the Presidential Troika should be responsible for making preparations regarding the objectives of the political scrutiny to be exercised by the JPSG (see proposal (3) above), it would be consistent to give the Troika a substantive role in the preparation of discussion papers and of the conclusions referred to in Article 51(5) of the Europol Regulation and in requests for documents. The Secretariat should undertake the administration and forwarding of documents (see also proposal (5) above). In this context, in accordance with the approach adopted in Rule 4.5 (originally Rule 4.4), it should be specified that all</i></p>

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		<p><i>meeting documents within the meaning of Rule 4.6 (originally Rule 4.5) are to be forwarded to the national parliaments and the European Parliament. As regards the broadening of the language regime, please see the explanation of proposal (13) above.</i></p>
	<p>(HR 4.6)</p> <p>In accordance with article 51 §5 of the Europol regulation, the JPSG may draw up summary conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. Summary conclusions shall be drafted in all the official languages of the EU and submitted to the national parliaments. The Co-Chairs shall draft an initial proposal in all the official languages of the EU which is submitted to the JPSG for approval. The European Parliament shall forward the adopted conclusions, for information purposes, to the Council, the Commission and Europol.</p>	<p>(HR 4.6)</p> <p>Explanation of Amendments I, II, III and IV</p> <p><i>The official languages of the EU Member States are the official languages of the European Union. In the provisions of Rule 4.2. (Working languages) of the Draft Rules of Procedure, the proponents of the Draft Rules of Procedure suggested that the working languages of the JPSG should be French and English.</i></p> <p><i>The provisions of Rules 4.3. (Interpretation), 4.6. (Conclusions) and 6.1. (Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure) of the Draft Rules of Procedure, also make reference to the use of working languages (English and French), and to the usage of the official language(s) of the Member State holding the presidency of the European Union Council at the JPSG meetings held in that Member State during the first half of the year.</i></p> <p><i>Pursuant to the above, we find it unacceptable for the documents published by the JPSG to be sent to</i></p>

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		<p><i>national parliaments in French and English (these include summaries and conclusions on the outcome of the JPGS meetings, as well as the Rules of Procedure of the JPSG).</i></p> <p><i>We also consider it unacceptable that at the JPSG meetings which are held in the parliament of the Member State holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first six months of each year, simultaneous interpretation is provided only into English, French and the language(s) of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU, and that no simultaneous interpretation is available into the languages of all the other Member States, i.e. it is also possible but the costs thereof are borne by the relevant national delegation or the European Parliament.</i></p> <p><i>Given that the equality of the EU Member States in all aspects is proclaimed by the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and is an integral part of the Union's fundamental principles, we request that the declared equality of the Member States be translated into reality in this aspect as well by accepting our amendments to the provisions of the JPSG Rules of Procedure.</i></p>

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	<p>(CY 4.6)</p> <p>In accordance with article 51 §5 of the Europol regulation, the JPSG may draw up summary conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. The Co-Chairs shall draft an initial proposal which is submitted to Members at least one week in advance of the Meeting. Amendments can be submitted by Members in writing. Amendments shall be discussed by the JPSG and adopted by consensus. The European Parliament shall forward the adopted conclusions, for information purposes, to the Council, the Commission and Europol.</p>	<p>(CY 4.6)</p>
<p>ARTICLE 5 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EUROPOL</p>		
<p>The JPSG shall appoint, 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, meetings of the Management Board of</p>	<p>(IE 5)</p> <p>The JPSG shall appoint, 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, meetings of the Management Board of</p>	<p>(IE 5)</p> <p><i>Amendment (1) is a drafting amendment. Amendment (2) provides the representative with an opportunity to keep members of the JPSG updated in between meetings of the JPSG. We would also envisage that this person would also</i></p>

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<p>Europol as a non-voting observer. The representative will regularly report back to the JPSG on his/her main findings.</p>	<p>Europol as a non-voting observer. The representative will report back to the JPSG after each such meeting of the Management Board on his/her main findings.</p>	<p><i>provide an oral briefing to members of the JPSG on the work of the Management Board at the bi-annual meetings of the JPSG.</i></p>
<p>ARTICLE 6 FINAL PROVISIONS</p>		
<p>6.1 Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure</p> <p>These Rules of Procedure are drawn up in a single original in English and French, each of these texts being equally authentic. Translations into the other official languages of the European Union shall be the responsibility of the relevant Parliaments. The Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the date of their adoption.</p>	<p>(DE 6.1)</p> <p>6.1 <i>Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure</i></p> <p>These Rules of Procedure are drawn up in a single original in English, French and German, each of these texts being equally authentic. Translations into the other official languages of the European Union shall be the responsibility of the relevant Parliaments. The Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the date of their adoption.</p>	<p>(DE 6.1)</p> <p><i>Since the interparliamentary group is a scrutinising body, the language regime should be more broadly based, and consideration should be given to the practice of the European Commission as regards the applicable working languages.</i></p>

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		<p><i>Council of the European Union in the first six months of each year, simultaneous interpretation is provided only into English, French and the language(s) of the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU, and that no simultaneous interpretation is available into the languages of all the other Member States, i.e. it is also possible but the costs thereof are borne by the relevant national delegation or the European Parliament.</i></p> <p><i>Given that the equality of the EU Member States in all aspects is proclaimed by the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and is an integral part of the Union's fundamental principles, we request that the declared equality of the Member States be translated into reality in this aspect as well by accepting our amendments to the provisions of the JPSG Rules of Procedure.</i></p>
	<p>(CY 6.1.a new)</p> <p><i>6.2. a (new) Amendments to these Rules can be submitted by any Member at least two weeks prior to a Meeting. Discussion of proposed amendments shall be included in the agenda of the following JPSG meeting. Amendments shall be adopted by consensus.</i></p>	<p>(CY 6.1.a new)</p>

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<p>6.2. Revision</p> <p>In line with the recommendations of the EU Speakers Conference of 23-24 April 2017 in Bratislava, the JPSG shall make a review of its Rules of Procedure, two years after its constituent meeting, and submit the conclusions from such a review to the Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments.</p>	<p>(DE 6.2)</p> <p>6.2. Revision</p> <p>a) In line with the recommendations of the EU Speakers Conference of 23-24 April 2017 in Bratislava, the JPSG shall make a review of its Rules of Procedure, two years after its constituent meeting, and submit the conclusions from such a review to the Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments.</p> <p>b) Without prejudice to the review of the Rules of Procedure referred to in point (a) above, national Parliaments and the European Parliament may submit proposals to amend these Rules of Procedure at any time. These amendment proposals must comply with the framework established by the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments. Decisions on amendment proposals shall be adopted by an absolute majority.</p>	<p>(DE 6.2)</p> <p><i>Prior to the review of the Rules of Procedure that is scheduled to take place two years after the constituent meeting of the JPSG or after the meeting of the EU Speakers' Conference following the review, it may be necessary to amend the Rules of Procedure. Accordingly, it is advisable to include a rule that makes explicit provision for the eventuality of such amendment. Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (SECG) contains a provision to that effect.</i></p>

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	<p>(IE)</p> <p>In line with the recommendations of the EU Speakers Conference of 23-24 April 2017 in Bratislava, the JPSG shall make a review of its Rules of Procedure, every two years after its constituent meeting, and submit the conclusions from such a review to the Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments.</p>	<p>(IE)</p> <p><i>This allows the Rules of Procedure to be refined and improved on a continual basis rather than on a once-off basis.</i></p>