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Dear colleagues,

as members of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol, we are deeply aware of the significance of the institution in terms of preventing and fighting crime. In an increasingly integrated Europe, we need a well-functioning European police authority that supports the national security authorities in dealing with cases of cross-border crime and combatting terrorism.

For these reasons, the powers and responsibilities of Europol have recently been significantly expanded. Unfortunately, budgetary and staffing developments have not been able to keep up with this increased portfolio. On the contrary: 300 positions at Europol are currently set to expire, despite the rise in tasks. This is a counterproductive development that cannot be allowed to continue. We would therefore welcome you appealing to the relevant heads of state and government and to the elected Members of the European parliament in your country, to ensure in the upcoming consultations on the European Union's Multiannual Financial Framework that the budgetary title for Europol is increased significantly. We have already expressed this wish to the German representatives.

This is, after all, in the interests of the security of our citizens.

Yours sincerely,

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