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**Subject: Sixth Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on
Europol, Zagreb, Croatia
– Notice of cancellation**

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Dear colleagues,

In our letter of 6 March 2020 we informed you that, due to the COVID-19 outbreak in certain regions of the European Union, we have decided, in our capacity of the JPSG Co-Chairs, to postpone the Sixth Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on Europol, initially to be held on 22-23 March 2020 in Zagreb, to another suitable date still during the Croatian Presidency.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the strong earthquakes that struck Zagreb in March this year, we deeply regret having to inform you that we have decided to cancel the Sixth JPSG meeting that was to be held in Zagreb in the first half of 2020.

Nevertheless, in an effort to ensure the continued good functioning of the JPSG and to provide all Members of the JPSG with the possibility to fully participate in its work, while at the same time addressing this unprecedented situation which has severely hampered the normal functioning of inter-parliamentary cooperation, we have decided to propose an electronic exchange of information between the JPSG Members and the Executive Director of Europol, the Europol Management Board, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the Europol Cooperation Board, on the specific issues arising from the JPSG prerogatives according to Articles 12 and 51 of the Europol Regulation.

In order to facilitate this exchange, we have kindly asked the representatives of the above-mentioned bodies initially invited to participate in the JPSG meeting in Zagreb as keynote speakers to provide the JPSG Members with their written reports and submissions/input that were to be presented and discussed during the Sixth JPSG meeting, by 1 June 2020. The reports and contributions will be distributed to all JPSG Delegations by e-mail and published on IPEX and the website of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Croatian EU Council Presidency.

In addition, the JPSG Delegations are invited, if they wish, to submit written contributions in reaction to the presentations and reports at jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu and jpsg@parleu2020.sabor.hr.

Furthermore, the JPSG delegations are invited, if they deem necessary, to send written contributions and possible requests for clarification/further input, provided that these are directly linked to the presentations, to the same e-mail addresses mentioned above, by 15 June 2020. As a

follow-up to the written contributions and requests for clarification, all keynote speakers will be asked to provide a consolidated reaction to all written contributions and questions by the end of June 2020 (one reaction to all submitted contributions and questions).

The written contributions, including questions and the consolidated reactions, will be distributed to the JPSG Delegations by e-mail and published on IPEX and the website of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Croatian EU Council Presidency.

We hope this procedure will allow the JPSG to continue exercising its scrutiny of the work of Europol in these difficult times.

In anticipation that the COVID-19 pandemic will soon come to an end, we are very much looking forward to our electronic exchange of information.

Yours sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'S' shape followed by a horizontal line.

Mr Ranko OSTOJIĆ
Co-Chair of the JPSG
Head of the Croatian Parliament
Delegation to the JPSG

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. It appears to read 'Juan F. López Aguilar'.

Mr Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR
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