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Dear Chair,

In the framework provided by Article 51 of the Europol regulation EU(2016)0794, we are pleased to invite you to the **Fifth Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol**, which will take place on **23 and 24 September 2019 in the European Parliament in Brussels.**

The meeting will tackle a number of concrete issues directly arising from the JPSG prerogatives according to Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, including a presentation by Ms Catherine DE BOLLE, Europol Executive Director, as well as a keynote speech by Minister of Interior of Finland Ms Maria OHISALO. The thematic debate will focus on Europol's information management priorities in 2019. Other important topics to be included in the Europol presentation are fight against cybercrime, structure of organised crime groups in the EU, money laundering and child pornography.

Please find attached the draft agenda of the meeting as agreed by the Presidential Troika of this meeting.

Written questions

According to Article 4.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, we kindly draw your attention to the right to address oral and written questions to Europol. As Europol needs six weeks in order to prepare replies to written question, we would like to ask you to **submit your written questions** to the JPSG Secretariat **by 2 August 2019 at the latest**. This will allow for the replies to be available in time for the fifth JPSG meeting.

Europol's multiannual programming document 2020-2022

Pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 2 point c) of the Europol Regulation, the JPSG is consulted on **Europol's multiannual programming document 2020-2022**. Please find attached the draft document, which will be debated in the JPSG meeting. If they wish so, delegations are invited to send to the JPSG Secretariat written comments to the document ahead of the meeting.

JPSG's representative to the Europol Management Board

Another important topic is the designation of the **JPSG's representative to participate as observer in the meetings of the Europol Management Board**. The topic was debated already in the JPSG meeting in Bucharest, where a consensus could unfortunately not be reached. Therefore, this point will be again on the agenda. Some delegations have already submitted to the JPSG written contributions on the topic. Delegations are invited, if they so wish, to send written comments to the JPSG Secretariat on this issue. Please be reminded that if any changes of the Rules of Procedure on the issue are proposed, they have to be formally tabled also in the form of amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

Written comments and contributions

We would like to invite the delegations to send us their written comments and contributions on the Europol's multiannual programming document 2020-2022 and on the JPSG's representative to the meetings of the Europol Management Board by 4 September 2019.

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure

In the fourth JPSG meeting in Bucharest, Romania, a **deadline for amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the JPSG** has been open - **4 September 2019**. The amendments have to be tabled by delegations, not individual Members, and sent within the deadline to the JPSG Secretariat. The amendments will be debated in the fifth JPSG meeting, with possible adoption of amended Rules of Procedure of the JPSG.

General aspects

According to Article 4.3 of the JSPG Rules of Procedure, the working languages of the JPSG are English and French, therefore we would like to ask the delegations to submit all written question, written comments, contributions and/or amendments to the Rules of Procedure in one of these two languages. The e-mail addresses of the JPSG Secretariat are following: jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu.

All documents submitted by Europol for the meeting in line with Article 51.3 of the Europol Regulation, as well as all contributions by the delegations to the JPSG and other relevant documents will be published on the <u>IPEX JPSG website</u> ahead of the meeting.

Further practical details will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services responsible for relations with the European Parliament and published as well on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1: Draft agenda of the Fifth meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Annex 2: Draft Europol Multiannual Programming Document 2020-2022