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Subject: Question NL-delegation as regards temporary working group on rules-of-procedure (written procedure 15th of June)

Dear Co-Chairs of the JPSG on Europol,

We hope this letter finds you well. We would like to express our appreciation for offering delegations the opportunity to submit their questions and remarks as regards a selection of agenda items that would normally have been discussed during the JPSG-meeting in Zagreb.

In the run-up to the JPSG-meeting in Zagreb, in December 2019 the NL delegation sent a letter (attached) to the co-chairs, proposing to establish a temporary working group to deal with certain aspects of the JPSG rules-of-procedure (notably the JPSG-representative to the Europol management board and updating the revision clause in the rules-of-procedure that currently refers to a date in the past). The suggestion by the NL-delegation was for the JPSG to discuss and take a decision on installing such a temporary working group during the March meeting in Zagreb. As regards this letter a reply by the co-chairs was received, broadly welcoming this suggestion (letter dated 20 December 2019, attached).

As the Zagreb meeting was cancelled due to the covid-19 crisis, the opportunity to discuss and take a decision on establishing a temporary working group did not yet arise. By means of this letter we would like to inquire how the co-chairs envisage taking this idea forward in the second semester of this year.

Rounding off this letter, we would especially like to thank the Croatian delegation for organising the March meeting in Zagreb and express our sincere regret that after all their efforts made, the meeting had to be cancelled.

We look forward to your reply.

The Dutch delegation,

Ms Gala VELDHOEN and Ms Tineke HUIZINGA-HERINGA, JPSG-Members, Committee on Immigration and Asylum Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council, Senate of the NL Parliament

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