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To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Subject: JPSG - Draft agenda, invitation for the Europol JPSG meeting on 28/29 September 2020

Dear Chair,

In the framework provided by Article 51 of the Europol Regulation EU 2016/794, we are pleased to invite you to the **Seventh Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol**, which will take place on **28 and 29 September 2020.** 

Due to the measures related to the Covid-19 pandemic, exceptionally the meeting will take place by remote participation. The remote character of the meeting and the ensuing limitations are reflected as well in the draft agenda of the meeting.

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 Mr Horst SEEHOFER, Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany, and President-in-Office of Home Affairs Council of the EU, Council Presidency and Ms Ylva JOHANSSON, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, on the future role of Europol and Brexit related challenges. The thematic debate will focus on the fight against right-wing extremism and terrorism.

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 7 August 2020 at the latest. This will allow for the replies to be available in time for the seventh JPSG meeting.

## Europol's multiannual programming document 2021-2023

Pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 2 point c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794, the JPSG is consulted on **Europol's multiannual programming document 2021-2023**. Please find attached the draft document for consultation. If they wish so, delegations are invited to send to the JPSG Secretariat written comments to the document ahead of the meeting **by 7 September 2020**. Due to limited time available for the meeting, there will be no debate on this point on the agenda, but the Executive Director of Europol will be asked to react to the received written comments.

## General aspects

We would like to recall that your Parliament/Chamber can be represented by up to four Members in the JPSG (in the case of bicameral Parliaments each Chamber with up to two Members each). Members and their delegations will be asked to register for the meeting.

The remote character of the meeting will allow only for a limited interpretation regime. The languages for which interpretation will be provided will be specified ahead of the meeting. 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 questions, written comments or contributions in one of these two languages. Please send them to the JPSG Secretariat jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu and a copy to the German Presidency Parliament parleu2020-brussels@bundestag.de .

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 and distributed to delegations by e-mail.

Further practical details, including registration and connection information, will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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

Annex 2: Draft Europol Multiannual Programming Document 2021-2023