

Brussels, 10 July 2017

Dear Chair, dear Colleague,

Pursuant to Article 88 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 51 paragraph 1 of the Europol Regulation and in accordance with Article 9 of Protocol 1 of the Treaty of the European Union and the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union, the Conference of Speakers of European Union Parliaments on 24 April 2017 established the **Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)**. This newly created body will politically monitor the agency's activities in fulfilling its mission, including as regards the impact of those activities on the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons.

In line with the conclusions of the Speakers' Conference, the group will be co-hosted and co-chaired over by the Parliament of the country holding the EU Presidency and the European Parliament.

We are pleased to invite you to the **constituent meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol on 9 and 10 October 2017** at the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

The constituent meeting will provide for a first exchange of views and a framework of debate on how to make the future joint parliamentary scrutiny work effectively. Furthermore, it will tackle a number of concrete issues directly following from Article 51 of the Regulation as well as the recommendations of the Speakers' Conference for a possible adoption of the Rules of Procedures of the group.

Please find attached the draft agenda as agreed by the co-chairs of this constituent meeting. In view of the obligation, pursuant to Article 51 paragraph 2 point c) of the Europol Regulation, to consult the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group in relation to **Europol's multiannual programming**, we included this point in the draft agenda and enclose the document issued by Europol on 30 January 2017. Your JPSG members are invited to send written comments ahead of the constituent meeting, where a presentation and an exchange of views on this matter is foreseen. The comments should be drafted in English or French and addressed to the following addresses by 29 September 2017: LIBE Secretariat (libe-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu) and Secretariat of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament (oigus.ametnik@riigikogu.ee).

With regard to **the Rules of Procedures** of the JPSG your Parliament/Chamber will receive a draft set of rules of procedure in early September 2017, which will be open to written amendments. This draft takes into account the previous discussion on this matter and is prepared by the Co-Chairs of the constituent meeting on behalf of the group.

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 constituent meeting, under the same procedure as for an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting. Please find enclosed the preliminary draft agenda of the meeting. Further practical details will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties,
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Annex 1: Draft agenda constituent meeting Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

Annex 2: Draft Europol Multiannual Programming Document 2018-2020