

Brussels, 8 November 2017

Dear Chair, dear Colleague,

We thank you very much for your participation and your engagement in the discussions during the constituent meeting of the Europol Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) last 9 and 10 October 2017 in the European Parliament premises in Brussels. We were very pleased to welcome 69 Members of national Parliaments representing 34 chambers of 26 Member States and the EP delegation to the JPSG.

As Co-Chairs we have prepared the enclosed summary conclusions. The revised draft rules of procedure as distributed in the meeting room on 10 October are also attached to this letter.

You are well aware that in our roles as Co-Chairs we called on all delegations to agree in principle on the revised draft set of rules of procedures and compromise suggested therein. At the same time, we identified two issues, which in our understanding required further clarification and should thus be brought forward to the next meeting: the participation of Danish Parliament and the proposal for subgroups.

Despite the fact that the majority of the Parliaments taking the floor on the revised draft were open towards the compromise proposed, no consensus could be found. As a result, we concluded that the adoption of the rules of procedure had to be taken to the next meeting of the JPSG on 18 and 19 March 2018 in Sofia. This process will be led by the next Co-Chairs, the National Assembly of the Bulgarian Republic and the European Parliament. On that basis the draft rules of procedure will be re-opened for amendments early next year.

We count on your commitment to agree on a compromise text and look forward to discussions in the period leading up to the next meeting of the group.

We look forward to our joint cooperation in this area key to the security of EU citizens and to our next meeting in Sofia.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex 1: Summary Conclusions by the Co-Chairs

Annex 2: Revised draft rules of procedure as presented on 10 October 2017