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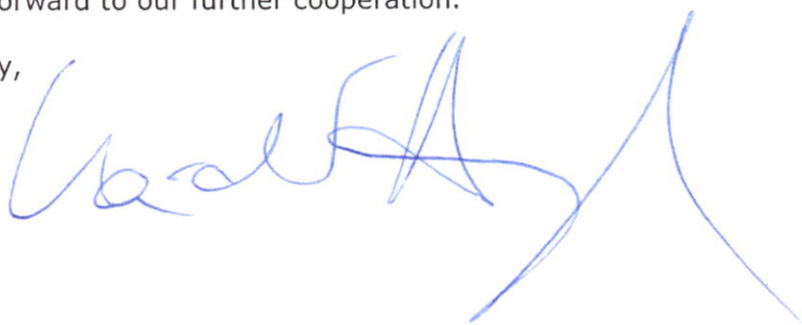
Prague, 12 June 2019

Dear JPSG Co-Chairs,
Dear Chairs and Members of Delegations to the JPSG,
Dear Colleagues,

During the 9th session of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, held on 4 June 2019, the Committee heard a report from the Senate's delegate to the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG) regarding the appointment of a representative of the JPSG to the Europol Management Board meetings and the planned revision of the JPSG Rules of Procedure. Following a debate, the Committee adopted a position regarding these issues in its Resolution No. 81 attached to this letter. The proposals included in the resolution are contributions from the JPSG delegation of the Senate to the discussion that shall take place during the next JPSG meeting in Brussels on 23-24 September 2019.

I am looking forward to our further cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Annex: Resolution No. 81 of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic from 4 June 2019

To the attention of:

Mr. Claude Moraes

Co-Chair of the JPSG

Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

Ms. Oana-Consuela Florea

Co-Chair of the JPSG

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Delegations to the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol

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OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
12TH TERM
COMMITTEE ON EU AFFAIRS

81ST

RESOLUTION

Delivered on the 9th session held on 4th June 2019

on information regarding the approach to the appointment of a representative of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG) to the Europol Management Board meetings and the revision of the JPSG Rules of Procedure

Following initial information of Senator Miroslav Nenutil and the debate

The Committee

I.

1. Is surprised

by the approach of Bulgarian colleagues and some of the Members of the European Parliament to the appointment of a JPSG representative to the meetings of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and by the adamant promotion of a concrete person – Mr. T. Tsvetanov, Head of the Bulgarian delegation to the JPSG, to this role;

2. Reiterates in this regard

that already the decision to prolong the mandate of the Bulgarian delegate Mr. T. Tsvetanov as a representative of the JPSG to the Europol Management Board meetings was taken in a non-standard way at the JPSG meeting in Brussels in September 2018, without being on the agenda, contrary to the Rules of Procedure and at a time when many delegates were not present in the meeting room yet; the delegation of the Czech Senate raised an objection to this procedure;

3. Is not convinced at the same time

that information provided by Mr. T. Tsvetanov to the JPSG delegates following the Europol Management Board meetings, which he attended as the JPSG representative, have a great value in terms of content and therefore doesn't

understand the arguments about the irreplaceability of this Bulgarian delegate as a representative to the Management Board meetings;

4. Is of the opinion

that the JPSG shall be represented by a delegate of the Parliament of the Member State holding the EU Presidency; alternatively it is possible to consider an appointment of a representative of the Presidential Troika based on an agreement of the Presidential Troika, for the period of 18 months;

II.

Proposes

with regard to the planned revision of the Rules of Procedure to change the decision-making procedure at the JPSG according to the Article 4.1 point e) of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, using the Articles 7.5 and 7.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) as a model (in general the JPSG shall seek to adopt decisions by broad consensus; if this is not possible, decisions shall be adopted with a qualified majority of at least 3/4 of the votes cast; each delegation shall have two votes); however, instead of the qualified majority voting it is also possible to consider adopting decisions by a simple majority of the votes cast;

III.

Authorizes

the Chairperson of the Committee to forward this resolution to the JPSG delegations of the national parliaments and the European Parliament.

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Chairperson of the Committee

Jaroslav Doubrava

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Committee Verifier