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Dear JPSG Co-Chairs,

**Dear Heads and Members of National Delegations and European Parliament
Delegation to the JPSG,**

Dear Colleagues,

In relation to the procedure for the appointment of a representative of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) to the Management Board of Europol, launched at the 4th JPSG meeting in Bucharest on 25 February 2019, the National Assembly's delegation to the JPSG has adopted the following position:

The delegation firmly believes that, in accordance with Article 51(1) of the Europol Regulation and Article 88 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the JPSG performs, on behalf of the national parliaments and the European Parliament, an extremely important task of joint political scrutiny over the activities of Europol, particularly in the light of the impact of Europol activities on the fundamental human rights and the freedoms of the citizens of the European Union.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, the JPSG shall appoint, from its full Members, a representative who will be entitled to attend, in accordance with Article 14 of the Europol Regulation, meetings of the Management Board of Europol as a non-voting observer. According to the JPSG Rules of Procedure, the representative reports back to the JPSG after each meeting of the Management Board on his/her main findings in writing. Thus, the JPSG is directly informed of the working methods and the exercise of Europol competences, which is fundamental for the implementation of joint scrutiny over Europol activities.

It follows that the JPSG representative in the Management Board of Europol is a very important JPSG instrument in terms of ensuring an effective implementation of the JPSG core tasks. In fact, by attending the meetings of the Management Board of Europol, the representative serves as the "eyes and ears" of the JPSG.

Considering that the Management Board of Europol only meets twice a year (once every six months) and that given the sensitivity of the nature of Europol work a close and confidential link between the Management Board and the JPSG needs to be established and developed, the National Assembly's delegation supports the idea of the JPSG representative being appointed for a period of 18 or 12 months.

With regard to the invitation to submit constructive proposals for amendments to the JPSG Rules of Procedure presented at the last JPSG meeting in Bucharest, and in the light of greater clarity of the procedure for the appointment of a JPSG representative to



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the Management Board of Europol, the delegation of the National Assembly suggests to expressly state in (Article 5 of) the JPSG Rules of Procedure, within the meaning of Articles 7.5. and 7.6. of the Rules of Procedure of COSAC, that the JPSG representative shall be appointed by consensus. If no consensus can be reached, a qualified $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the votes cast shall be required to appoint a representative, with each delegation having two votes. If even such majority cannot be reached, the representative shall be appointed by a simple majority of the votes cast.

Yours sincerely,



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