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**To the attention of the JPSG Co-Chairs and the delegations of national parliaments and the European Parliament to the JPSG on Europol**

Dear colleagues,

With regard to the outcome of the fourth meeting of the JPSG on Europol on 24 - 25 February 2019 in Bucharest, we would like to share with you our views on designation of the JPSG member to the Europol Management Board and the related revision of the JPSG Rules of Procedure in order to facilitate a discussion during the upcoming meeting of the JPSG on 23 - 24 September 2019 in Brussels.

Already at the meeting in Bucharest, we expressed our firm support to the initial proposal of the Romanian Presidency to implement a fair system of rotation, allowing all the national parliaments to participate equally and collectively on monitoring Europol's activities. We believe that the JPSG representative should be nominated by the parliamentary delegation of the Member State currently holding the presidency of the Council of the European Union. His/her mandate would be, therefore, limited for the term of the presidency, with possibility of an extension for another 6-months term if the upcoming presidency wished to waive its right or, for some reason, could not take on this role.

Furthermore, to prevent repeating the situation we experienced in Bucharest, but also to increase the JPSG's ability to act, we would like to invite you to consider changes in how the group may adopt its decisions. Our suggestion is to stick with the model already successfully working within the COSAC platform that is based on the principle of consensus, but at the same time offers possibility to take a vote if the consensus cannot be effectively reached. The decisions of the JPSG could be, under these conditions, adopted also with a qualified majority of at least 3/4 of the votes cast (see the Articles 7.5 and 7.6 of the COSAC Rules of Procedure).

With reference to the above mentioned, please find attached draft amendments to the JPSG Rules of Procedure reflecting the respective opinion.

We hope that the meeting in Brussels will result in a constructive dialogue, enabling the group to find a permanent solution acceptable for all the parties involved and to focus again on the JPSG's main role and tasks.

Respectfully,



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**Annex:**

**Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol by the Czech Chamber of Deputies**

**ARTICLE 4: PROCEEDINGS AND LANGUAGES**

*4.1 Conduct of meetings*

- (a) At the beginning of each meeting, the Co-Chairs shall present the draft agenda and submit it for adoption by the JPSG. They shall also determine the order and the length of interventions.
- (b) As a general rule, the meetings of the JPSG are public and shall be conducted in full transparency.
- (c) Notwithstanding point b), the JPSG may hold in camera meetings when the nature of the information to be discussed so requires.
- (d) A presence register of the Members and participants shall be established during each meeting.
- (e) The JPSG shall *seek to* adopt its decisions, ~~in principle,~~ by consensus. ***If this is not possible, decisions shall be adopted with a qualified majority of at least 3/4 of the votes cast. The majority of 3/4 of the votes cast must at the same time constitute at least half of all votes. Each delegation has two votes.***

**ARTICLE 5: REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EUROPOL**

The JPSG shall appoint, from ~~its full Members~~ ***the JPSG delegation of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union,*** a representative who will be entitled to attend, in accordance with Article 14 of the Europol Regulation and for ***the term of its presidency*** ~~a duration determined by the JPSG~~, meetings of the Management Board of Europol as a non-voting observer. ***If respective delegation waives the right to nominate its representative or, for some reason, cannot take on this role, the mandate of the previous delegate may be extended for another presidency term.*** The representative shall report back to the JPSG after each meeting of the Management Board on his/her main findings in writing.