

Mandate

Working Group on pending matters subject to possible further revision in the JPSG Rules of Procedure

Pursuant to Article 6.2. of the JPSG Rules of Procedure and in line with the recommendations of the Conclusions of the Presidency from the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments meeting in Bratislava of 23-24 April 2017, the JPSG was to make a review of its Rules of Procedure two years after its constituent meeting and submit the conclusions from such a review to the Presidency of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments. Following the process of revision which started in the fourth JPSG meeting in Bucharest on February 2019 and ended in the fifth meeting in Brussels in September 2019, the Co-Chairs declared the revision procedure closed and reported to the EU Speakers' Conference pursuant to Article 6.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure. In their letter to the EU Speakers Conference, the Co-Chairs stated that some of the unresolved issues could benefit of further efforts to establish consensus across all delegations. Hence, the Co-Chairs declared to propose to the JPSG Presidential Troika to set up a Working Group on the appointment of the JPSG Representative to the meetings of the Europol Management Board, which would be entrusted to find a consensual solution.

The Presidential Troika of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG) therefore decides to create a Working Group on pending matters subject to possible further revision in the JPSG Rules of Procedure.

The Working Group shall submit proposals on following pending matters: appointment of the JPSG representative to the Europol Management Board (Article 5 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure), as well as on a possible future revision clause of the JPSG Rules of Procedure that respects the principle of consensus (Article 6.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure).

The Working Group will agree on its proposals by consensus. It shall present its proposals to the Presidential Troika meeting at the margins of the JPSG meeting in Lisbon, Portugal in the first half of 2021. The Presidential Troika might decide to postpone the presentation of proposals, if necessary for their preparation by extending the duration of the mandate of the Working Group until the next JPSG meeting in Brussels in second half of 2021.

After presentation of the proposals by the Working Group, Troika shall subsequently propose changes to the JPSG Rules of Procedure to the JPSG based on the results of the work of the Working Group. Any change to the JPSG Rules of Procedure needs to respect the principle of consensus in accordance with Article 4.1 (e) of the JPSG Rules of Procedure.

The Working Group is chaired by the JPSG Co-Chairs or their representatives. The Co-Chairs decide about the agenda of the meetings of the Working Group, which could be organised also remotely or/and at technical level.

The Working Group is composed of the Troika Members, and interested delegations that wish to participate. Each delegation participating in the Working Group will be represented by one Member. JPSG Co-Chairs will announce a deadline for expression of interest in participating in the work of the Working Group.