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Management Board

Opinion of the Management Board on the final annual accounts of Europol for the financial year 2016

The Europol Management Board:

- Having regard to Article 60 (5) of the Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 (OJEU L 135/53 of 24 May 2016) establishing the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and Article 99 (2) of the Financial Regulation (FR) applicable to Europol as adopted by the Management Board on 1 May 2017;
- Having considered the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) with a view to a report on the annual accounts; Europol's final annual accounts 2016; and Europol's Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2016, about which it drew up an assessment on 1 May 2017;
- Taking into account the statements of assurance provided by Europol's Accounting Officer, as contained in the final annual accounts 2016, and by Europol's Authorising Officer, as contained in the Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2016;
- Taking into account the information concerning audit activities by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) of the Commission, the Internal Audit Function (IAF) and the Executive Director regarding the audit activities performed in 2016 and the response actions taken by Europol:
 - a) Declares that it has reasonable assurance, on the basis of the information in its possession, that the final annual accounts for the financial year 2016 are, subject to the ECA's observations on the final annual accounts, reliable and that the underlying transactions, taken as a whole, are legal and regular;
 - b) Considers that Europol's Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2016 provides a fair and accurate account of the implementation of the budget granted to the organisation by the budgetary authority;
 - c) Recalls its observations in relation to the operational delivery, financial management by Europol, response to audit findings and the completion of the implementation of the Europol Regulation, as set out in its assessment of Europol's Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR);
 - d) Invites Europol to act upon the remaining areas referred to by the ECA in its preliminary observations, especially also in relation to budget management and the reduction of authorised payment transactions.

For the Management Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Arie IJzerman".

Arie IJzerman
Chairperson

