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To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

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Subject: JPSG - Invitation for the Eighth Europol JPSG meeting on 1-2 February 2021

Dear Chair,

In the framework provided by Article 51 of the Europol Regulation EU 2016/794, we are pleased to invite you to the **Eighth Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG)**, which will take place on **1 and 2 February 2021**.

Due to the measures related to the Covid-19 pandemic, exceptionally the meeting will take place by remote participation. The remote character of the meeting and the ensuing limitations are reflected as well in the draft agenda of the meeting.

The meeting shall tackle a number of concrete issues directly arising from the JPSG prerogatives according to Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, including a presentation by Ms Catherine DE BOLLE, Europol Executive Director, as well as a keynote speech by Mr Eduardo CABRITA, Minister for Home Affairs of the Portuguese Government, President-in-Office of Home Affairs Council of the EU, and Ms Ylva JOHANSSON, EU Commissioner for Home Affairs, on the revision and strengthening of the Europol mandate. The thematic debates will focus on **Cybercrime and digital resilience and on the impact of COVID-19 in the EU's internal security - the role of police cooperation**.

Please find attached the draft agenda of the meeting as agreed by the Presidential Troika of this meeting.

Written questions

According to Article 4.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure, we kindly draw your attention to the right to address oral and written questions to Europol. Europol usually needs six weeks in order to prepare replies to written questions.

General aspects

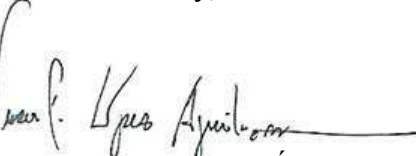
We would like to recall that your Parliament/Chamber can be represented by up to four Members in the JPSG (in the case of bicameral Parliaments each Chamber with up to two Members each). Members and their delegations will be asked to register for the meeting.

The remote character of the meeting will allow only for a limited interpretation regime. The languages for which interpretation will be provided will be specified ahead of the meeting. According to Article 4.3 of the JSPG Rules of Procedure, the working languages of the JPSG are English and French, therefore we would like to ask the delegations to submit all written questions, written comments or contributions in one of these two languages. Please send them to the JPSG Secretariat jpsg.libesecretariat@europarl.europa.eu and a copy to the Portuguese Presidency Parliament (Europol-parleu2021@ar.parlamento.pt).

All documents submitted by Europol for the meeting in line with Article 51.3 of the Europol Regulation, as well as all contributions by the delegations to the JPSG and other relevant documents will be published on the [IPEX JPSG website](#) ahead of the meeting and distributed to delegations by e-mail.

Further practical details, including registration and connection information, will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex 1: Draft agenda of the eight meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)