

**Amendments proposed by the Cyprus House of Representatives**  
**to the Draft Rules of the JPSG**

2.1. Members

(a) Each national Parliament of a Member State applying the Europol Regulation shall be represented by a maximum of four members in the JPSG, in the case of bicameral parliaments each Chamber shall have the right to nominate up to two members to the JPSG. The European Parliament shall be represented by maximum of 16 members in the JPSG. The number of members nominated by each Parliament/Chamber shall not affect the equality of Parliaments/Chambers. Each Parliament/Chamber may nominate substitute members to replace full members in case of absence.

**To be amended as follows:**

2.1 **Full** Members

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*(The rights of Full Members must be set out in a clearer fashion and perhaps create three categories of participants: full members, non-voting members and observers.)*

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2.2 Observers

The JPSG can invite non-voting observers from the list of third countries and international organisations with which Europol has concluded agreements or from EU Member States that have concluded an Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation with Europol.

**To be amended as follows:**

2.2 **Non-voting members and** Observers

The JPSG **shall can** invite non-voting **Members observers** from the list of EU Member States that have concluded an Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation with Europol.

*(We strongly believe that there must be a distinction between EU Member States that have an Agreement with Europol and non-EU countries. Perhaps the right to vote, to Co-Chair, to nominate for the post of the Representative of the JPSG to the Management Board and to request documents from Europol, should be retained for full members, but the right to participate in "in camera" meetings, to speak and to propose amendments should be afforded to non-voting Members, in view of the increased responsibilities EU Member States with an Operational Agreement have.)*

**2.3 The JPSG may decide to invite to particular meetings observers from the list of international organisations or non-EU countries with which Europol has concluded Agreements. Observers shall not have the right to vote.**

*(As provided by the Europol Regulation, scrutiny of Europol must remain an internal procedure.)*

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### 3.2 Frequency and place of meetings

The JPSG shall meet twice a year. In the first half of the year, the JPSG shall meet in the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union. In the second half of the year, the JPSG shall meet in the European Parliament in Brussels.

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### 4.1 Conduct of meetings

(a) At the beginning of each meeting, the Co-chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament shall present the draft agenda and submit it for adoption by the JPSG, they shall also determine the order and the length of interventions; interventions by Members can never exceed 3 minutes.

#### **To be amended as follows:**

4.1 a) At the beginning of each meeting the Co-Chairs of the Parliament of the Member State holding the Rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union and of the European Parliament shall present the draft agenda and submit it for adoption by the JPSG, they shall also determine the order and the length of interventions; ~~interventions by Members can never exceed 3 minutes.~~

*(This issue of time management does not really need to be determined by the Rules. The Co-Chairs can, on the spot, manage the speaking time.)*

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### 4.1.

(e) The JSPG shall adopt its decisions by consensus.

#### **To be amended as follows:**

**e) The JSPG shall adopt its decisions, including its Conclusions, by consensus. Abstentions do not impede adoption but are noted in the relevant decisions or Conclusions.**

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### 4.5.1. Agenda of the meeting

A draft agenda shall be communicated, by the co-chairs, to all participating parliaments no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda shall only include matters relating to the scrutiny of Europol, in line with the tasks and competence of the JPSG as set out in the Europol Regulation.

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**The Co-Chairs prepare a draft agenda for each Meeting, taking into account possible proposals by Members.** The **A** draft agenda shall be communicated, by the co-chairs, to all participating parliaments no later than eight (8) weeks prior to each meeting. The agenda shall only include matters relating to the scrutiny of Europol, in line with the tasks and competence of the JPSG as set out in the Europol Regulation.

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#### 4.5.2. Other documents

Prior to each meeting, delegations may send any documents relating to items of the agenda to the Co-Chairs. Each delegation shall be responsible for translating any document which it submits to the JPSG into English and/or French. The Co-Chairs may also draw up discussion documents for the JPSG.

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#### 4.5.3. Requests to Europol for providing documents

In accordance with Article 51 (4) of the Europol Regulation, the Co-Chairs of the JPSG may request other relevant documents necessary for the fulfilment of its tasks relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. Any JPSG parliamentary delegation may submit such a written request to the Co-Chairs. Documents shall be provided in accordance with article 64 of the Europol Regulation.

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#### 4.6. Conclusions

In accordance with article 51 §5 of the Europol regulation, the JPSG may draw up summary conclusions on the outcome of the JPSG meetings relating to the political monitoring of Europol's activities. The Co-Chairs shall draft an initial proposal which is submitted to the JPSG for approval. The European Parliament shall forward the adopted conclusions, for information purposes, to the Council, the Commission and Europol.

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6.1 Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure

These Rules of Procedure are drawn up in a single original in English and French, each of these texts being equally authentic. Translations into the other official languages of the European Union shall be the responsibility of the relevant Parliaments. The Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the date of their adoption.

**To be amended by inserting a new paragraph as follows:**

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**6.2 Amendments to these Rules can be submitted by any Member at least two weeks prior to a Meeting. Discussion of proposed amendments shall be included in the agenda of the following JPSG Meeting. Amendments shall be adopted by consensus.**