



Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
The Chair

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

Honourable Chairperson,

On 11 May 2016, the new Europol Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/794) entered into force. In this Regulation, a Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) has been established to enable national Parliaments and the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 88 of the TFEU, to politically scrutinize Europol's activities. The Europol Regulation states that “the organisation and the rules of procedure of the JPSG shall be determined together by the European Parliament and the national parliaments in accordance with Article 9 of Protocol No 1”.

In order for this new scrutiny body to be ready by the date of application of this new Europol Regulation (1 May 2017), the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments in May 2016 agreed a step by step approach to define the modalities of the JPSG, which included an interparliamentary meeting to be organised by the LIBE committee at the European Parliament in autumn 2016.

Against this background, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs would like to invite Members of national Parliaments to an inter-parliamentary meeting on "Europol and its parliamentary scrutiny in the framework of EU Internal Security policies". The meeting is scheduled for Monday 28 November 2016 from 15h00 to 18h30 in the European Parliament in Brussels.


I am therefore pleased to invite up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting.

Should you be unable to attend, I would welcome any written contribution which would be distributed to our respective Members and other participants.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's services for relations with the European Parliament.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept this invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 28 November 2016.

Yours sincerely,



Claude MORAES