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**Subject:** Revision of the JPSG Rules of Procedures

**To the attention of the JPSG Co-Chairs and the delegations of national parliaments and the European parliament to the JPSG Europol**

Dear colleagues,

We trust this letter finds you well. During the JPSG meeting on 23-24 September 2019 in Brussels one of the items on the agenda concerned the revision of the Rules of Procedure. The Dutch JPSG delegation proposed amendments relating to the organisation of the JPSG secretariat (article 3.3 RoP), the right for JPSG-members to submit questions to Europol (art 4.2) and the JPSG Representative to the Europol Management Board (art 5).

The Dutch delegation wishes to express its disappointment about the debate on the Rules of Procedure. Similar to what was expressed by the Swedish delegation in their recent letter dated 13 November 2019, we had expected a more structured discussion. Amendments were presented but too little time was allocated for a proper discussion. Moreover, efforts to find compromises between the positions of the various delegations were all but absent. At the end of the debate all amendments but the one on the Danish position were ruled to be rejected. This while for the Dutch delegation – as was likely the case for other delegations – the position of most other delegations on the amendments was unknown.

Taking into account the importance of the matter, the Dutch delegation would like to propose the discussion about the Rules of Procedure to be tabled again for the JPSG-meeting in Zagreb on 22-23 March 2020. As an agenda item for this meeting, we would like to suggest deciding on establishing a temporary working group on the revision of the Rules of Procedure.

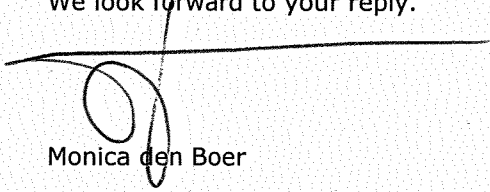
In order to achieve consensus, last JPSG-meeting our delegation proposed a questionnaire to be sent around among all JPSG-delegations with the objective of generating written responses to the various amendments. We would like to formally re-introduce this proposal by means of this letter. On the basis of the replies to the questionnaire, the working group could be mandated to work out amendments that have gained wide support, to be submitted to and voted on during the JPSG-meeting in autumn 2020.



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The Dutch delegation is convinced that these steps are necessary in order to finalise the debate about the revision of the Rules of Procedure in an orderly, efficient and transparent manner.

We look forward to your reply.

  
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