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**Europol Programming Document 2020-2022 and Draft Multiannual
Programming 2021-2023**

Dear Mr Ostojić,

Dear Mr López Aguilar,

I would like to refer to my previous letters to the Co-Chairs of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG), namely my letters dated 13 December 2019 (ref. MBS 217.2019) regarding the Europol Programming Document (PD) 2020-2022, and 4 February 2020 (ref. MBS 007.2020) pertaining to the Europol Draft Multiannual Programming (MP) 2021-2023.

With the first letter, I informed the JPSG Co-Chairs that the PD 2020-2022 adopted by the Management Board (MB) in November 2019 had to be aligned with the final Europol Budget 2020, as the latter was significantly lower than the initial estimate, and that the resulting updated version of the PD 2020-2022 would be submitted to the MB for adoption in March 2020. Pending the conclusion of the process, we considered it unnecessary to forward this document to the relevant EU Institutions and to the JPSG in its current version, while of course remaining available to transmit it upon request.

Against this backdrop, following relevant correspondence with the President of the European Parliament, I am pleased to forward hereby the current version of the PD 2020-2022.

Following its adoption by the MB, pursuant to the applicable provisions laid down under the Europol Regulation and the Financial Regulation applicable to Europol, the updated version of the PD 2020-2022 will be transmitted to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, and the JPSG.

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With the second letter, I informed you that the multiannual component of the draft PD 2021-2023 required substantial update, namely the addition of the new Europol External Strategy 2021-2024. Pending such revision, we considered it redundant to forward the current multiannual component, since this document coincides with the one pertaining to the PD 2020-2022, already submitted to the JPSG.

Notwithstanding the above, in anticipation of a possible request from your part to receive not only the PD 2020-2022 but also the current version of the draft multiannual programming 2021-2023, I am pleased to transmit hereby the latter document to you.

Pursuant to Articles 12(1) and 51(2)(c) of the Europol Regulation, the JPSG will be consulted on the updated version of the multiannual component of the draft PD 2021-2023, once the new Europol External Strategy, which is an integral part of it, has been approved by the MB. As mentioned in previous correspondence, the matter has been tabled for the 9-10 June 2020 MB meeting.

I remain at your disposal should you wish to receive any further information or clarification concerning the aforementioned procedure.

Yours sincerely,



Andrei Linta
Chairperson

Attachments:

Europol Programming Document 2020-2022 (version dated 28 November 2019, EDOC #1003783v17C)

Europol Draft Multiannual Programming 2021-2023 (version dated 31 January 2020, EDOC# #1099847v1A)

