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1. Article 54 paragraphs 3 to 5 of the Europol Regulation 2016/794<sup>1</sup> read as follows:
  - '3. *The term of office of the Executive Director shall be four years. By the end of that period, the Commission, in association with the Management Board, shall undertake an assessment taking into account:*
    - (a) *an evaluation of the Executive Director's performance, and*
    - (b) *Europol's future tasks and challenges.*
  4. *The Council, acting on a proposal from the Management Board that takes into account the assessment referred to in paragraph 3, may extend the term of office of the Executive Director once and for no more than four years.*

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA (OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53).

5. *The Management Board shall inform the European Parliament if it intends to propose to the Council that the Executive Director's term of office be extended. Within the month before any such extension, the Executive Director may be invited to appear before the competent committee of the European Parliament.'*

2. Article 55 of the Europol Regulation 2016/794 reads as follows:

'1. *Three Deputy Executive Directors shall assist the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall define their tasks.*

2. *Article 54 shall apply to the Deputy Executive Directors. The Executive Director shall be consulted prior to their appointment, any extension of their term of office or their removal from office. '*

3. The rules for the selection, extension of the term of office and removal from office of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors of Europol are set out in a decision of the Management Board of 1 May 2017. Article 11 of this Decision describes the procedure for the extension of the term of office and paragraphs 2 to 4 read as follows:

'2. *At the latest twelve months before the end of the first term of office of the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director, the Management Board may decide to derogate from the procedure established in Chapter 2.*

3. *In such cases, the Management Board shall draw up a proposal advising the Council to extend the term of office in accordance with Articles 54(4) or 55(2), respectively, of the Europol Regulation.*

*This proposal shall be supported by an assessment undertaken by the Commission, in association with the Management Board, taking into account:*

*(a) an evaluation of the performance of the Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director, and*

*(b) Europol's future tasks and challenges.*

*The proposal of the Management Board concerning a Deputy Executive Director shall be drawn up after having consulted the Executive Director.*

4. *The Management Board shall inform the European Parliament if it intends to propose to the Council that the term of office of the Executive Director or of the Deputy Executive Director be extended.'*

4. Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert was appointed Deputy Director of Europol on the basis of Article 38 of Council Decision establishing the European Police Office (Europol)<sup>2</sup> for a four-year period from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2018.

5. Article 73 of the Europol Regulation 2016/794 reads as follows:

*'1. The Director of Europol appointed on the basis of Article 38 of Decision 2009/371/JHA shall, for the remaining period of his or her term of office, be assigned the responsibilities of Executive Director, as provided for in Article 16 of this Regulation. The other conditions of his or her contract shall remain unchanged. (...)*

*3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall apply to the Deputy Directors appointed on the basis of Article 38 of Decision 2009/371/JHA.'*

6. On 19 May 2017, Europol sent the opinion of the Management Board on the extension of the term of office of a Deputy Executive Director, as contained in 9312/17, to the Council.

7. On 10 May 2017, the Management Board of Europol informed the European Parliament about its intention to propose to the Council that Mr van Gemert's term of office be extended.

8. In the light of the opinion of the Management Board of Europol to extend the term of office of Mr van Gemert and its invitation to consider the reclassification of Mr van Gemert's grade to AD 14, delegations will find enclosed the draft Council Decision extending the term of office of Mr van Gemert.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 121, 15.5.2009, p. 37.

**DRAFT COUNCIL DECISION**

**of 2017**

extending the term of office of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA<sup>3</sup> (hereafter - Europol Regulation), and in particular Article 54 paragraphs 3 to 5 thereof,

Having regard to the Decision of the Management Board of Europol of 1 May 2017 establishing the rules on the selection, extension of the term of office and removal from office of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors, and in particular Article 11 paragraph 3 thereof,

Acting as the authority vested with the power to appoint the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors of Europol,

Having regard to the proposal of the Management Board of 19 May 2017,

WHEREAS:

- (1) The term of office of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert appointed by Council Act of 11 February 2014<sup>4</sup>, is due to expire on 30 April 2018.
- (2) The Deputy Executive Directors of Europol are appointed for a four-year period extendable once in accordance with Article 54(4) of the Europol Regulation.

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<sup>3</sup> OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53.

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 44, 15.02.2014, p. 3.

- (3) The Management Board presented the Council with an opinion proposing that the term of office of the present Deputy Executive Director of Europol, Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert, be extended and that he could be reclassified in grade AD14.
- (4) The Management Board informed the European Parliament on 10 May 2017 that it intended to propose to the Council that Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert's term of office be extended.
- (5) On the basis of the proposal submitted by the Management Board, the Council wishes to extend the term of office of Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert as Deputy Executive Director of Europol.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### Article 1

The term of office of Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert is hereby extended from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2022 at grade AD 14, step 1.

#### Article 2

This decision shall take effect on the day of its publication.

It shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at,

For the Council

The President

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