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Delegations will find enclosed the opinion of the Management Board on the extension of the term of office of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol, dated 19 May 2017.

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The Hague, 19 May 2017

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**MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EUROPOL**

**Opinion on the extension of the term of office of a  
Deputy Executive Director**

**THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EUROPOL,**

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)<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the "Europol Regulation") and in particular Articles 11(1)(j), 54 and 55 thereof,

The Management Board (MB) Decision 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 of Europol (hereinafter, "the MB Rules"), and in particular Article 11 thereof,

The Council Act (2014/C 44/04) of 11 February 2014 appointing a Deputy Director of Europol;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas:

- (1) Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert was appointed by the Council as Deputy Director of Europol from 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2018.
- (2) The Europol Regulation provides that the Executive Director shall be assisted by three Deputy Executive Directors, whose term of office shall be four years.
- (3) The MB Rules foresee that, at the latest twelve months before the end of the first term of office of a Deputy Executive Director, the MB may decide to derogate from a selection procedure. In such cases, the Board shall draw up a proposal advising the Council to extend the term of office in accordance with the Europol Regulation.
- (4) The Council, acting on a proposal from the Management Board may extend the term of office of a Deputy Executive Director once and for no more than four years.
- (5) The MB shall inform the European Parliament if it intends to propose to the Council that the term of office of a Deputy Executive Director be extended.
- (6) Mr van Gemert expressed his interest to serve a second term of four years as Deputy Executive Director of Europol.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 135, 24.05.2016, p. 53

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 044, 15.02.2014, p. 3-3

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- (7) The Executive Director has recommended that Mr Wilhelmus van Gemert's term of office be extended.

Having considered the assessment undertaken by the Commission in association with the Management Board during a dedicated session on 1 May 2017, which took into account:

- (1) The results achieved during the first three years of Mr van Gemert's initial term of office, among which the successful:
- Support to and delivery of operational projects in relation to Europol's core business, in particular the launch of the European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC) and the European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC);
  - Leading role in overseeing Europol's contribution to the implementation of operational priorities, in particular the significant increases in levels of information processing, analysis and operational support;
  - Reform of the Operations Directorate's capabilities to meet the increasing demands associated with heightened security challenges in Europe.
- (2) The positive assessment of Mr van Gemert's performance, as confirmed by:
- The growing level of cooperation with Member States' competent authorities, EU bodies, non-EU countries and international organisations;
  - The steady growth for stakeholder demand of Europol's operational services;
  - The endorsement of the Executive Director to Mr van Gemert's leadership of staff and clear contribution to Europol's development.
- (3) The mission and needs of Europol in the coming years, particularly:
- The implementation of the Europol Regulation, which calls for leadership and a robust knowledge of Europol's structure, operation, field of action and tasks, to effectively contribute to tackling crime threats and develop innovative operational responses;
  - The implementation of the 2016-2020 strategy and of objectives that respond to Member States' needs.

### HAS ADOPTED THIS OPINION:

**The Management Board proposes to the Council to extend the appointment of Mr van Gemert as Deputy Executive Director of Europol for a four-year term.**

**The Management Board also invites the Council to consider the reclassification of Mr van Gemert's grade to AD14.**

The Hague, 19 May 2017

*For the Management Board*



*Arie IJzerman*

*Chairperson*

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