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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the appointment of a Deputy Executive Director
of Europol

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/...

of ...

on the appointment 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/JHA¹, and in particular Articles 54 and 55 thereof,

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

¹ OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53.

Whereas:

- (1) The term of office of one of the current Deputy Executive Directors of Europol ended on 31 December 2020. It is therefore necessary to appoint a new Deputy Executive Director of Europol.
- (2) The decision of the Management Board of Europol of 1 May 2017 establishes 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.
- (3) Under point (b) of Article 3(1) of the decision of the Management Board of Europol of 1 May 2017, one of the posts for a Deputy Executive Director of Europol has been deemed to be vacant since 3 July 2020. A vacancy notice for the post of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 4 September 2020¹.
- (4) In accordance with Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794, a shortlist of candidates has been drawn up by a selection committee set up by the Management Board (the 'Selection Committee'). The Selection Committee prepared a duly reasoned report and submitted it to the Management Board on 25 November 2020.

¹ OJ C 293A, 4.9.2020, p. 1.

- (5) On the basis of the report of the Selection Committee and in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/794 and the decision of the Management Board of 1 May 2017, the Management Board issued a reasoned opinion on 10 December 2020 on the appointment of a new Deputy Executive Director of Europol, in which it proposed a shortlist of three candidates suitable for the post to the Council.
- (6) On 25 January 2021, the Council selected Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE as the new Deputy Executive Director of Europol and informed the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee of the European Parliament ('LIBE Committee'), which is the competent committee for the purposes of fourth subparagraph of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794, about that selection.
- (7) On 24 February 2021, Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE appeared before the LIBE Committee. On 23. March 2021, the LIBE Committee gave its opinion in accordance with the fourth subparagraph of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE is hereby appointed as Deputy Executive Director of Europol for the period from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2025 at grade AD 14.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
