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Following the 1st meeting on revising Europol Regulation, please find below Cyprus ' positions:

The Republic of Cyprus expresses its general support to the amendments of the EUROPOL Regulation. Given the changing security landscape, it is our belief that the proposed amendments, provide Europol the capabilities and tools to support Member States effectively in countering serious crime and terrorism, through strengthening the Europol's' mandate.

Following the discussions held on 26/01/2021, please note the following comments on behalf of Cyprus:

Article 26, par. 5: Although it is clear that the term transfer and transmission refer to the transfer of personal data to third countries and to the transfer of personal data within the EU, respectively, the Republic of Cyprus proposes that definitions should be added to this effect.

Article 26a: The term "crisis situations", should be clearly defined in the Regulation. Paragraph 4 of the Preamble of the proposed Regulation, specifically refers to Council Decision 2008/617, which includes a definition of crisis situations. In this regard, it should be clarified whether this definition is relevant in the case of this article as well.

We do see a need for EUROPOL to step up its support to Member States on research and innovation. In relation to discussions carried out in regards to Article 4 (4)(a), we would like clarification regarding the provision of resources to EUROPOL, for the performance of its new tasks

Lastly, Cyprus supports the participation of EUROPOL to LEWP meetings.