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The Hague/Warsaw, 24 January 2020

Participants of the Future Group Workshops

<via electronic transmission>

Future Group on Travel Intelligence and Border Management
Invitation for the 4th Workshop – 3 & 4 February 2020

Dear Colleagues,

By means of this letter, we would like to inform you about the upcoming workshop on the use of travel intelligence and border management information for the strengthening of internal security and enforcement of border and migration regimes. This workshop will take place on 3-4 February 2020 at the Headquarters of Europol in The Hague, The Netherlands. It will start on the 3 February at 11:00 and is expected to end the following day at around 16:00.

The workshop is the fourth one of a series that are organised as part of an initiative called "The Future Group on Travel Intelligence and Border Management", established jointly by Frontex and Europol. The objective of this Future Group is to realise operational benefits from recent legislative measures related to Smart Borders, Interoperability and Passenger Name Records (PNR).

The series of workshops, hosted alternately at Frontex and Europol Headquarters, are aimed at stimulating discussions among representatives from different competent authorities dealing with border and migration management, customs, and criminal investigations at national and international level. Hopefully, those discussions will lead to practical opportunities for making optimal use of the available information and strengthening operational partnerships across areas of competence, resulting in a better prevention, detection, and investigation of illegal migration, serious crime, and terrorism.

At the fourth workshop special attention is given to the security and border checks of EU citizens; to the collection and use of passenger data along the border continuum and to the use/business cases drafted on the basis of the discussions at the second workshop on person-centric data management and the back-office function for frontline border management.

For representatives from Member States' competent authorities, the expenses for travel and accommodation will be reimbursed by Europol. Only one representative per country can be funded. To facilitate your decision on accepting this invitation, we have attached the outcome of the previous workshops and the draft agenda of the 4th workshop. The referred use/business cases will be send out closer to the workshop.

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Confirmation will be highly appreciated ultimately **by 31 January 2020** before midnight, but preferably as soon as possible by registration via the following link:

https://www.eventsforce.net/europol/2695/home

The **entry code for registration** is: RGSFT)63466&&*HSAPALRGTR

This registration also initiates the process for the booking of travel and accommodation. Funded participants will be contacted for travel arrangements. For non-funded participants registration is also required because only registered participants can be given access to the premises.

We hope this letter with its attachments provides sufficient information to accept our invitation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [redacted] or via [redacted].

We hope that you will join the workshop and look forward to our discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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