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Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group Secretariat

To the attention of the JPSG Co-Chairs

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**Europol reply to written questions from the Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Mr Patrick Breyer, to the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG)**

Dear Co-Chairs,

In accordance with Article 4.2 of the JPSG Rules of Procedure and Article 51 of the Europol Regulation, Europol would like to respond to the question raised by Mr Patrick Breyer, JPSG Member of the European Parliament, received by Europol on 3 February 2021, as follows:

**Written question by the JPSG Member of the European Parliament, Mr Patrick Breyer**

*On behalf of MEP Patrick Breyer, we would like to request access to the reply of 18 November 2019 from Europol to the EDPS which provides an indicative and non-exhaustive list of data repositories for operational information beyond iBase and Palantir.*

**Europol's answer:**

Access to the full text of the Europol letter of 18 November 2019 to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) is subject to the working arrangement concluded on 19 December 2018 between the European Parliament and Europol concerning access to sensitive non-classified and classified information processed by or through Europol. Paragraph 6 of the working arrangement determines that "access to sensitive non-classified and classified information shall be realised solely through the Chair, Vice-Chairs and Coordinators of the competent committee."

Notwithstanding the procedural steps foreseen under the working arrangement, please be provided, in the interest of transparency towards the JPSG, with the data repositories listed in Europol's letter of 18 November 2019 (beyond iBase and Palantir), namely the:

- Facial Comparison and Evaluation (FACE) system and the Image and Video Analysis System (IVAS) regarding child sexual abuse material, for the purpose of comparing facial images provided to Europol under the provisions of the Europol Regulation;
- Europol Malware Analysis Solution (EMAS);
- Computer Forensics Network (CFN), to be replaced by the New Forensic Environment (NFE) in line with the guidance of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) under the Europol Regulation.

I hope that these answers will prove satisfactory. Europol remains available for further clarifications.

Yours sincerely,



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