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Dear Madam,

Please find attached a letter signed electronically by Mr Wojciech Rafał WIEWIÓROWSKI for the above mentioned subject.

Kind regards,

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Subject: EDPS operational visit - data processing activities at the EU hotspot Lesvos (EDPS case 2023-0644)

Dear Ms De Bolle,

This letter is to inform you that the EDPS intends to make an **operational visit at staff level to the Europol representatives deployed to the Lesvos hotspot**. This visit is based on Articles 43(2)(c) and (d) of Regulation 2016/794 as amended ('Europol Regulation')¹ and is an exercise of our powers under Articles 43(4)(a) and (b).

The visit is intended to deepen the EDPS' understanding of personal data processing by Europol at EU hotspots and exchanges of personal data between EU agencies and with national authorities under the hotspot approach. The objective is to inform the EDPS' ongoing and future supervisory activities related to Europol's activities within EU hotspots, including consultations by Europol on the deployment of Guest Officers to hotspot locations (case file 2020-0297) and follow up to the 2018 inspection at Europol (case file 2018-0067).

¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2022 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794, as regards Europol's cooperation with private parties, the processing of personal data by Europol in support of criminal investigations, and Europol's role in research and innovation, PE/8/2022/REV/1, OJ L 169, 27.6.2022, p. 1–42.

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The scope of this operational visit will be focused on understanding the role, activities and tasks of Europol within the hotspot, and in particular where those activities include processing of personal data and exchange of data with other EU agencies and Member State host authorities (personal data flows, policies, practices and procedures) and the safeguards applied to this processing.

The EDPS delegation will be composed of [REDACTED].

The operational visit concerning Europol is expected to comprise a 1.5 - 2 hour meeting with Europol staff. The timing foreseen for this meeting is **Thursday 13 July 2023 at 14.30**. Please note that this timing is indicative only and may be adjusted according to the needs of the EDPS EDPS team within the time period of 12-14 July 2023.

I should be grateful therefore if you could ensure the availability of those members of Europol staff deployed in Lesvos, who can provide explanations and demonstrations on the above-referred topics. I would also appreciate if your staff could provide the EDPS participants with necessary assistance and grant them access to all personal data and information, as well as to any premises necessary to perform this visit.

My staff will be in contact with the Data Protection Function to further arrange the visit.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]

Wojciech Rafał WIEWIÓROWSKI

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