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COUNCIL DECISION

of 10 October 2024

extending the term of office of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol

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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/JHA [1], and in particular Article 54(3) to (5) and Article 55 thereof,

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

Having regard to the proposal of the Management Board of Europol of 19 March 2024,

Whereas:

(1) Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE was appointed as Deputy Executive Director of Europol by Council Decision (EU) 2021/602 [2]. The term of office of Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE is due to expire on 30 April 2025.

(2) The Deputy Executive Directors of Europol are appointed for a four-year period, extendable once in accordance with Article 54(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794.

(3) The decision of the Management Board of Europol of 1 May 2017 sets out the procedure for the extension of the term of office of Deputy Executive Directors of Europol.

(4) The Management Board informed the European Parliament of its intention to propose to the Council that Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE's term of office be extended, taking into account the assessment referred to in Article 54(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794.

(5) On 12 September 2024, the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee of the European Parliament ('LIBE Committee') gave a positive opinion on the extension of Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE's term of office as Deputy Executive Director of Europol in accordance with Article 54(2), fourth subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) 2016/794.

(6) The Management Board presented the Council with an opinion proposing that the term of office of Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE be extended and that his grade be reclassified as grade AD15.

(7) On the basis of the proposal submitted by the Management Board and taking into account the opinion of the European Parliament, the term of office of Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE as Deputy Executive Director of Europol should be extended and his grade reclassified as grade AD15,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The term of office of Mr Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE as Deputy Executive Director of Europol is extended from 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2029 at grade AD 15.

[1] OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53.
[2] Council Decision (EU) 2021/602 of 8 April 2021 on the appointment of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol (OJ L 127, 14.4.2021, p. 42).

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 10 October 2024.

For the Council
The President
PINTÉR S.