



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Bundesrat for its Opinion on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 as regards Europol's cooperation with private parties, Europol's processing of personal data in support of criminal investigations, and Europol's role in research and innovation {COM (2020) 796 final}.

The Commission notes the Bundesrat's support for the proposed legislation and shares the importance that the Bundesrat attaches to a constructive law enforcement cooperation with the United Kingdom, including through Europol.

The Commission has worked intensively with the United Kingdom to establish a close law enforcement cooperation in the interests of both EU and United Kingdom citizens. This resulted in the EU-United Kingdom Trade and Cooperation Agreement, which has been applied provisionally as of 1 January 2021 and entered into force on 1 May 2021. The Agreement sets out a comprehensive framework for law enforcement and judicial cooperation, including cooperation through Europol.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Bundesrat and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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