

DECISION (EU) 2019/1523 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**of 26 March 2019****on the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) (before 1 May 2017: European Police Office) for the financial year 2017**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- having regard to the final annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) for the financial year 2017,
 - having regard to the Court of Auditors' report on the annual accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) for the financial year 2017, together with Europol's reply ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the statement of assurance ⁽²⁾ as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions provided by the Court of Auditors for the financial year 2017, pursuant to Article 287 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council recommendation of 12 February 2019 on discharge to be given to Europol in respect of the implementation of the budget for the financial year 2017 (05825/2019 — C8-0090/2019),
 - having regard to Article 319 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 208 thereof,
 - having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 70 thereof,
 - having regard to Council Decision 2009/371/JHA of 6 April 2009 establishing the European Police Office (Europol) ⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 43 thereof,
 - 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 ⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 60 thereof,
 - having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 208 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁷⁾, and in particular Article 108 thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 94 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinion of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A8-0154/2019),
1. Approves the closure of the accounts of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) for the financial year 2017;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors, and to arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union* (L series).

The President
Antonio TAJANI

The Secretary-General
Klaus WELLE

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 165.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 434, 30.11.2018, p. 165.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 121, 15.5.2009, p. 37.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 328, 7.12.2013, p. 42.