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**What will the future bring?**

**Rising to the Challenge  
of Maintaining Effective  
Data Protection Supervision at Europol**

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On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 the Joint Supervisory Body Europol will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of activities and will be organizing a conference entitled *"What will the future bring? Rising to the Challenge of Maintaining Effective Data Protection Supervision at Europol"*.

The Europol Convention was signed by the Member States of the European Union more than 10 years ago. The first and founding meeting of the Joint Supervisory Body of Europol took place in The Hague on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1998. This date marks the beginning of the activities of the Joint Supervisory Body assuming the responsibilities allocated by the Europol Convention.

The mission of the Joint Supervisory Body – to review independently, in accordance with the Europol Convention, the activities of Europol in order to ensure that the rights of the concerned individuals are not violated by the storage, processing and utilization of the data held by Europol. In addition, the Joint Supervisory Body monitors the permissibility of the transmission of data originating from Europol.

The experience gained throughout these years emphasizes the need to ensure that effective data protection arrangements that safeguard the fundamental rights of individuals but nevertheless allow Europol to fulfil its tasks continue despite the challenges that are ahead.

These challenges include the Hague Programme Action Plan on the basis of which discussions are now being conducted on the establishment of an improved legal basis and on improving the effectiveness of Europol. It goes without saying that data protection should play an important role in the framework of these discussions.

The Conference will not just be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the JSB in its first 10 years. More importantly it will be an opportunity to look at the challenges that are ahead and how the JSB should respond to these.

**Date: October 9, 2008**

**Time: 9:00 Accreditation  
10:00 Opening**

**Venue: Brussels, BERLAYMONT, Rue de la Loi 200, JEAN MONNET ROOM**