

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 February 2009

**amending the Decision of 27 March 2000 authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU-related bodies**

(2009/167/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Article 42(2), Article 10(4) and Article 18 of the Convention on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the Council Act of 3 November 1998 laying down rules governing Europol's external relations with third States and non-European Union related bodies <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 2 of that Act,

Having regard to the Council Act of 3 November 1998 laying down rules concerning the receipt of information by Europol from third parties <sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Article 2 of that Act,

Having regard to the Council Act of 12 March 1999 adopting the rules governing the transmission of personal data by Europol to third States and third bodies <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Articles 2 and 3 of that Act,

Whereas:

- (1) On 27 March 2000 the Council adopted the Decision authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU-related bodies <sup>(5)</sup>.
- (2) There are operational interests that require that India be added to the list of third States with which the Director of Europol is authorised to start negotiations.

- (3) The Decision of 27 March 2000 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The Decision of 27 March 2000 is hereby amended as follows:

In Article 2(1), under the heading 'Third States', the following State shall be added to the alphabetical list:

‘— India’.

*Article 2*This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 2009.

*For the Council**The President*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 2.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 26, 30.1.1999, p. 19.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 26, 30.1.1999, p. 17.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ C 88, 30.3.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ C 106, 13.4.2000, p. 1.