European Police Office, Europol: Art. 2 and annex, Protocol on money laundering. Initiative Portugal

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The committee adopted the report by Anna KARAMANOU (PES, GR) amending the initiative under the consultation procedure. Although it fully endorsed extending the powers of Europol, the committee felt that Europol's democratic and judicial accountability should be increased. It therefore proposed a number of amendments to that end, providing inter alia for Parliament to receive an annual report on the work of Europol and, when circumstances so required, to request that Europol's Director should appear before Parliament's competent committees. It stipulated that the Court of Justice should have jurisdiction to rule on any dispute or conflict between Member States regarding the interpretation or application of the Europol Convention. The committee also wanted Parliament to be represented by two observers on Europol·s Management Board and and to be consulted on the appointment of Europol·s director.