

WORKING ARRANGEMENT

**on the establishment of Operational Cooperation between
the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders
of the Member States of the European Union(Frontex)**

and

the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova

The European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as "Frontex") and the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova,

Proceeding from their aspiration to promote the development of extensive operational cooperation between Frontex and the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova,

Have arrived at the present arrangements on launching operational cooperation with regard to the following basic principles, objectives, contents and organisation of the cooperation:

1. Basic principles

Frontex and the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"), emphasize that the intended cooperation shall be developed gradually. The aim is to work towards a sustainable partnership.

2. Objectives

- (1) To counter irregular migration and related cross-border crime by means of border control.
- (2) To strengthen security at the borders between EU Member States and Moldova.
- (3) To develop good relations and mutual trust between border guard authorities of EU Member States and Moldova.
- (4) To facilitate measures taken by Frontex and the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova.

3. Contents

- (1) Development of activities in the field of information exchange and risk analyses aiming at improving the efficiency of border control at the borders between EU Member States and Moldova.
- (2) Development of activities in the field of training as well as in the field of research and development related to border management.

(3) Coordination of certain joint operational measures and pilot projects for maintaining and improving border control between EU Member States and Moldova, elaboration of ideas on technical improvement of these measures.

(4) Active discussion on development at technical level of border procedures, including matters aiming at more efficient border control, best practices, improvement of technical equipment and technological upgrading at the borders.

(5) Improvement of the operational interoperability between the border guard organisations of EU Member States and Moldova.

4. Organisation

(1) A structured dialogue on the operational cooperation in border-related matters will be maintained between the Executive Director of Frontex and the General Director of the Border Guard Service of Moldova.

(2) Daily contacts will be maintained via agreed Points of Contact. When necessary, expert working groups will be established with a view to considering specific issues and elaborating corresponding common recommendations.

5. Amendment of the Working Arrangement

This Working Arrangement can be amended on the basis of mutual consent of Frontex and the Border Guard Service of the Republic of Moldova.

6. Legal status

The present Working Arrangement shall not be considered as an international treaty. Practical implementation of its contents shall not be regarded as fulfillment of international obligations by the European Community, its institutions and its Member States and Moldova.

This Working Arrangement comes into force on the day following its signature and is concluded for an indefinite period of time. Each Party may terminate this Working Arrangement by giving a written notice. This Working Arrangement ceases to be in effect three months after the date of delivery of such notice to the other Party.

Done in Chisinau on the 12th August 2008 in two original copies in English and Moldovan languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of disagreement on the interpretation of the provisions of the present Working Arrangement the English version shall prevail.

**For the European Agency for the
Management of Operational Cooperation
at the External Borders of the Member States
of the European Union**

[signed]

**For the Border Guard Service
of the Republic of Moldova**

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