OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

OF 25 May 2007


THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2004 of the Council of 26 October 2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union, hereinafter referred to as “the FRONTEX Regulation”, and in particular to Art. 30 (5) and (6) thereof;

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of the Agency as adopted on 30 June 2005 and amended on 21 September 2006, Recital 15 and Article 83 (2);

Taking into consideration that the agency became only on 1 October 2006 fully financially independent and that the administrative budget was implemented during the first 9 months of the year under the responsibility of the Commission services, whereas the operational part of the budget was managed by the agency during the entire year;

Taking note of the preliminary findings of the closure of accounts audit of the European Court of Auditors, which took place in the agency between 12 and 16 March 2007;

Bearing in mind that the Executive Director bears the responsibility for drawing up the final accounts and needs to forward them to the Management Board for an opinion;

Bearing in mind that by 1 July 2007 at the latest the final accounts 2006 of the agency need to be sent, together with the opinion of the Management Board, to the Commission, the Court of Auditors and the budgetary authority;
HAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING OPINION:

On the basis of the European Court of Auditors preliminary findings on the accounts of the agency for 2006 and the replies given by the Agency, the Management Board has obtained sufficient assurance in order to conclude that the said accounts, taken as a whole, represent a true and fair view of the implementation of the Frontex budget and, in the opinion of the Management Board, properly reflect the activities undertaken by Frontex during 2006.

Done at Balatonalmadi, 25 May 2007

For the Management Board

[signed]

M.A. BEUVING
Chairperson