MB Decision 18/2007

DECISION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF FRONTEX

OF 25 MAY 2007

AUTHORISING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE A WORKING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE AGENCY WITH

THE COORDINATION SERVICE OF COUNCIL OF BORDER TROOPS COMMANDERS OF

THE COMMON WEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS)

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 Article 13 thereof,

Taking into account that the Council of Border Troops Commanders of the Common Wealth of Independent States (CIS), founded by decision of the Council of Heads of CIS countries on 6 July 1992, established its Coordination Service with the aim to coordinate and concordance the efforts of the CIS Border Troops in the field of protection of their external borders and economic zones,

Having regard to the Decision of the Management Board of 01 September 2006, laying down the procedures for negotiating and concluding working arrangements with third countries and international organisations, and in particular Article 2 point 1 thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Single Article

The Executive Director is hereby authorised to negotiate a working arrangement with the Coordination Service of the Council of Border Troops Commanders of the Common Wealth of Independent States in accordance with the guidelines and financial implications annexed to this decision.

Done at Balatonalmadi, 25 May 2007

For the Management Board

[signed]

M. A. BEUVING
Chairperson
GUIDELINES

The working arrangement, to establish Frontex operational and technical cooperation with the Coordination Service of the Council of Border Troops Commanders of the Common Wealth of Independent States (CIS), may cover the following issues:

- Purpose of the cooperation limited by the scope of the Frontex Regulation
- Basic principles and rules of establishing and maintaining the cooperation;
- Objectives of the operational cooperation;
- Contents of the operational cooperation:
  - Exchange of information, in particular related to Risk Analyses;
  - Exchange of experiences;
  - Cooperation on training, according to article 5 of the Frontex Regulation;
  - Cooperation on Research & Development according to article 6 of the Frontex Regulation;
  - Exploring the possibilities and carry out parallel organised EU and CIS joint operations;
  - Participation in pilot projects on case by case basis;
  - Participation in Conferences, workshops and other events organised by Frontex and/or the Coordination Service of the Border Troops Commanders of the CIS.
- Organisation of the cooperation:
  - Dialogue between the Executive Director and the Chairman of the Coordination Service of the Council of Border Troops Commanders of the CIS;
  - Other contacts between Frontex and the Coordination Service. (e.g. the establishment of working contacts);
- Alternations and additions
- Legal status
- Entry into force and validity of the working arrangement
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

For the preparatory and signing phase administrative costs for the negotiation process will be made. Approximately two missions of the Executive Director in cooperation with the Chairperson of Management Board, including staff, will take place. A delegation of the Coordination Service of the Council of Border Troops Commanders of the CIS will be invited for an induction visit to Frontex premises in Warsaw.

Travel costs for missions of Frontex staff, with the aim to strengthen the partnership and to elaborate common activities will be made. Financial means will be covered by the administrative budget.

Activities in regard to exchange of information and experiences as well as training and Research and Development issues will take place within the limits of the allocated budget for the respective purposes.

Future joint operational activities in the framework of a working arrangement will take place according to Frontex risk analyses output. Co-financing of these joint activities with Coordination Service of the Council of Border Troops Commanders of the CIS will be determined within the limits of Frontex budget reserved for operational purposes.