MB Decision 21/2007

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
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER for REFUGEES (UNHCR)

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD


Taking into account that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is an UN Agency mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees;

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 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in accordance with the guidelines and financial implications annexed to this decision.

Done at Balatonalmádi, 25 May 2007

For the Management Board

[signed]

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ANNEX:

GUIDELINES

Frontex and the UNHCR identified common areas of interest and considered the usefulness for both entities to develop a cooperation which shall be based on a bilateral working arrangement.

The working arrangements with the UNHCR may cover the following issues:

- Purposes of cooperation within the matters covered by Council Regulation 2007/2004;
- Basic principles and rules of establishing and maintaining cooperation;
- Objectives expected to be achieved through the cooperation;

- Contents of the cooperation:
  - Exchange of information, in particular on push factors and human trafficking in third countries related to border control;
  - Reciprocal assistance to prepare and develop training and guidance tools.
  - Participation in training courses and in seminars;
  - Exchange of expertise and experiences as gained in the specific fields of activities;
  - Technical assistance, on a case-by-case basis, during Joint Operations coordinated by Frontex. Contribution to evaluation of joint operations in regard of protection duties aspects.

- Organisation of the cooperation:
  - Regular consultations between the Executive Director and the UN High Commissioner and his Regional Directors;
  - Other contacts between designed staff members of Frontex and UNHCR

Alternations and additions

Legal status

Entry into force, duration and validity of the working arrangement
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To carry out activities related to the preparatory and signing phase, administrative costs for the negotiation process will be made. Approximately one mission to Geneva, Switzerland to the UNHCR headquarters and to Brussels, Belgium to the UNHCR Office for European Affairs by Frontex’ staff will take place.

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.

In principle both Frontex and UNHCR will bear their own costs of its own missions and tasks in accordance with each organisation’s own terms of reference and mandate. Exceptional arrangements for funding of travel and accommodation expenses for personnel of Frontex and UNHCR to supporting conferences, workshops and other activities of the partner organisation may be considered on a case by case basis within the limits of the allocated budget for the respective purposes.

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