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
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANISATION (INTERPOL)

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. 13 thereof,

Taking into account that the International Criminal Police Organisation (INTERPOL) is the largest international police organization in the world and it is committed to ensure and promote mutual assistance between the criminal authorities of its member countries and to support all organisations and services whose mission is to contribute to the prevention and suppression of international crime,

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 International Criminal Police Organisation in accordance with the guidelines and financial implications annexed to this decision.

Done at Balatonalmádi, 25 May 2007

For the Management Board
Chairperson

[signed]

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Frontex and INTERPOL identified several common interests and areas for cooperation against cross border crime, in particular in the fields of smuggling of migrants and trafficking of human beings. The cooperation between Frontex and INTERPOL will increase their capability to achieve the respective mission assigned towards the improvement of border security.

The working arrangement to be negotiated to carry out cooperation 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 operational, strategic and technical information, in particular related to criminal activities related to migration phenomena and any other information considered useful to enhance effectiveness of border control;
  - Exchange of risk analysis, methodologies and products when appropriated;
  - Access to databases within the limit posed by the respective regulations on protection of personal data;
  - Coordination of activities, including development of common standards and action plans;
  - Mutual assistance in training courses and seminars. Organisation of joint training projects. Support in development of general and specific training tools;
  - Specialist assistance and support in the field of research and development;
  - Exchange of technical expertise and experiences in specific fields;
  - Participation on a case-by-case basis, at respective operational initiatives and development of common operational projects;
  - Participation in conferences, workshops and other events organized by Frontex and INTERPOL.

ANNEX:

GUIDELINES
 Organisation of the cooperation:
- Periodical consultations between the Executive Director and the INTERPOL Secretary General;
- Close contacts between designated staff members of Frontex and INTERPOL
- Possibility to appoint contact points to ensure the liaison on a continuing basis;
- Alterations 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 the INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, France 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 INTERPOL 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 INTERPOL to support 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.