FRONTEX
MANAGEMENT BOARD

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 031/2007

of 22 November 2007

on the practical arrangements for participation of the Republic of Ireland in Frontex' operational activities

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF FRONTEX,


Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 12(1) of the Frontex Regulation, Frontex shall facilitate operational cooperation of the Member States with Ireland in matters covered by its activities and to the extent required for the fulfillment of its tasks.

(2) In accordance with Article 12(2) of the Frontex Regulation, support provided by Frontex shall cover also the organisation of joint return operations of the Member States in which Ireland participates.

(3) In accordance with article 19(1)(b) of the Frontex Financial Regulation\(^2\), the items of revenue which shall be used to finance specific items of expenditure include specific financial contributions by Ireland to Frontex' activities.

(4) In accordance with Article 19(3) of the Frontex Financial Regulation, the budget shall carry headings to accommodate categories of assigned revenue, such as financial contributions made by Ireland and shall wherever possible indicate the amount thereof.

(5) In accordance with Article 7 of the Implementing Rules to the Frontex Financial Regulation\(^3\), special financial contributions made by Ireland are paid as follows:

(a) seven twelfths of the sum entered in the budget no later than 31 January of the current year;

(b) the remaining five twelfths no later than 15 July of the current year.

(6) The Management Board deems it necessary to lay down the procedures to be followed regarding requests for participation by Ireland in Frontex' activities.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

ANNUAL REQUEST

1. Within two months after the adoption of the Frontex Annual Work Programme, Ireland may submit an Annual Request to participate in some or all of the activities listed in the Programme.

2. The Annual Request shall include reference to Ireland's financial contribution.

3. The Management Board shall decide on Ireland's participation in the activities listed.


\(^{2}\) Decision of the Management Board of 30 June 2005.

\(^{3}\) Decision of the Management Board of 16 December 2005.
in the Annual Request in accordance with Article 20(5) of the Frontex Regulation.

Article 2

SPECIFIC REQUEST

1. On the basis of the activities in the Annual Request in which Ireland has been allowed to participate, Ireland shall submit a Specific Request for each particular activity in which it is willing to participate.

2. Each Specific Request shall be submitted to Frontex for onward circulation to the Members of the Management Board.

3. The Management Board decides on each Specific Request separately, in accordance with Article 20(5) of the Frontex Regulation.

4. The Management Board decides on a Specific Request by written procedure, in accordance with Article 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board.

5. Tacit approval for Ireland’s participation will be considered to have been given in the absence of sufficient number of explicit objections submitted within five working days, or less in case the Executive Director has set a shorter time limit justified by operational needs.

Article 3

ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC REQUEST

1. The Annual Request referred to in Article 1, does not prejudice Ireland’s ability to make additional Specific Requests for participation in Frontex activities during the course of the year.

2. The procedure outlined in Article 2 shall apply.

Article 4

FINANCIAL PROVISION

Each Management Board Decision on a request by Ireland to participate in Frontex’ activities shall set out the financial contribution of Ireland in relation to the activities concerned.

Done in Lisbon, 22 November 2007

For the Management Board

[signed]

M. A. BEUVING
Chairperson