FRONTEX
MANAGEMENT BOARD

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 009 / 2008
of 27 March 2008
on Ireland's request to participate in and contribute financially
to Frontex operational activities in 2008

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation¹, in particular Article 20(5) thereof,

Having regard to the Decision of the Frontex Management Board of 22 November 2007
on the Frontex Framework Decision on practical arrangements for Ireland's participation
in Frontex operational activities, and in particular Article 1 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Frontex should facilitate the organisation of operational actions in which the
Member States may avail themselves of the expertise and facilities which Ireland
may be willing to offer, in accordance with modalities to be decided on a case-by-
case basis by the Management Board.

(2) Frontex facilitates such cooperation in matters covered by its activities and to the
extent required for the fulfillment of its tasks, including organisation of joint
return operations in which the Ireland participates.

(3) Ireland has requested to participate in Frontex's activities during 2008.

(4) Specific circumstances in 2008 require making an exception to Article 7 of the
Implementing Rules to the Frontex Financial Regulation² as regards the financial
contribution of Ireland to the budget of Frontex

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Management Board accepts Ireland's request, annexed to this decision, to
participate in Frontex activities listed in that request.

Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the
² Management Board Decision No 015/2005 of 16 December 2005 as amended by Management Board
Article 2

Ireland's financial contribution to Frontex shall be paid no later than 15 July 2008.

Done at Warsaw, 27 March 2008

For the Management Board

[signed]

M. A. BEUVING
Chairperson
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<th>Area of Operations</th>
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<td>Joint operations</td>
<td>1 Operation at external land borders. 4-5 Operations at external air borders.</td>
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<td>Return Operations</td>
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IRELAND REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN FRONTEX ACTIVITIES 2008
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

1. Legal Framework


1.2 Recital 27 states that 'The Agency should facilitate the organisation of operational actions in which the Member States may avail themselves of the expertise and facilities which Ireland and the United Kingdom may be willing to offer, in accordance with modalities to be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Management Board. To that end, representatives of Ireland and the United Kingdom should be invited to attend the meetings of the Management Board in order to allow them to participate fully in the deliberations for the preparation of such operational actions.'

1.3 Article 12(1) of the Regulation provides that 'The Agency shall facilitate operational co-operation of the Member States with Ireland and the United Kingdom in matters covered by its activities and to the extent required for the fulfilment of its tasks set out in Article 2(1). Article 12(2) provides that 'Support to be provided by the Agency pursuant to Article 2(1)(f) shall cover the organisation of joint return operations of Member States in which Ireland or the United Kingdom, or both, also participate.'

1.4 Article 20(5) of the Regulation provides that 'Should Ireland and/or the United Kingdom request to participate in the Agency’s activities, the Management Board shall decide thereon. The Management Board shall take its decision on a case-by-case basis by an absolute majority of its members with a right to vote. In its decision, the Management Board shall consider if the participation of Ireland and/or the United Kingdom contributes to the achievement of the activity in question. The decision shall set out the financial contribution of Ireland and/or the United Kingdom to the activity for which a request for participation has been made.'

2. Procedural matters

2.1 The Management Board Decision of 22 November 2007 on the practical arrangements for participation of Ireland in Frontex operational activities lays down the procedures to be followed regarding requests for participation by Ireland in Frontex activities.

3. Request to participate 2008

3.1 The attached Annex details Ireland’s request to participate in FRONTEX activities on the basis of the Agency’s 2008 Work Programme. In addition, the Annex sets
out Ireland’s proposed financial contribution to the operational activities of FRONTEX identified in the Work Programme to which Ireland wishes to make a financial contribution and participate in.

3.2 The FRONTEX Management Board is invited to agree to this request by Ireland under article 20(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 2007/2004 to participate in the Agency’s activities and to the suggested financial contributions.