

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 15/2015
of 27 April 2015

**ON IRELAND'S PARTICIPATION IN FRONTEX
JOINT RETURN OPERATION
TO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
ORGANISED BY BELGIUM
ON 28 APRIL 2015**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Management Board Decision 31/2007 on the practical arrangements for participation of Ireland in Frontex' operational activities² stipulates that *"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. The Annual Request shall include reference to Ireland's financial contribution. The Management Board decides on the Annual Request for Ireland's participation by the majority stipulated in Article 20(5) of the Frontex Regulation."*;
- (2) Article 2 of Management Board Decision 31/2007 states that *"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"*;

Due to certain circumstances, Ireland has not yet made its Annual Request in accordance with Article 1 of Management Board Decision 31/2007. Nevertheless, Ireland made a Specific Request to Frontex on 17 April 2015. Such Specific Request acknowledges that it will be retroactively included in the Annual Request once it is made to Frontex;

- (3) On 22 April 2015, Frontex invited the Management Board on behalf of the Management Board Chairperson to take a decision on Ireland's participation in Frontex Joint Return Operation to Democratic Republic of Congo organized by Belgium on 28 April 2015.
In accordance with Article 2(4) of Management Board Decision 31/2007, the Management Board decides on a Specific Request by written procedure, approving or rejecting the proposal in its entirety;

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 of 26 October 2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operation Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, p.1, as last amended.

² Decision of the Management Board 31/2007 of 22 November 2007 on the practical arrangements for participation of Ireland in Frontex' operational activities.

- (4) Pursuant to Article 2(5) of the Management Board Decision 31/2007, tacit approval for Ireland's participation is considered to have been given in the absence of sufficient number of explicit objections;
- (5) No objections to the participation of Ireland in Frontex Joint Return Operation to Democratic Republic of Congo organized by Belgium on 28 April 2015 have been received by Frontex.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Ireland's Specific Request to participate in Frontex Joint Return Operation to Democratic Republic of Congo organized by Belgium on 28 April 2015 has been approved on 27 April 2015.

Article 2

Entry into force

This decision enters into force on the day of its adoption.

Done by written procedure, 27 April 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]

Ralf Göbel
Chairperson