

MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 18/2015
of 15 May 2015

**on the United Kingdom's participation in Frontex
Joint Operation Triton 2015**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Management Board Decision 21/2008 on the practical arrangements for participation of the UK in Frontex' operational activities² states that *"Within two months after the adoption of the Frontex Annual Work Programme, the UK 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 the UK's financial contribution. The Management Board decides on the Annual Request for the UK's participation by the majority stipulated in Article 20(5) of the Frontex Regulation"*;
- (2) Article 2 of Management Board Decision 21/2008 states that *"On the basis of the activities in the Annual Request in which the UK has been allowed to participate, the UK shall submit a Specific Request for each particular activity in which it is willing to participate"*;
- (3) The Management Board by its Decision 14/2015 of 14 April 2015 approved the UK's Annual Request to participate and contribute financially to operational activities coordinated by Frontex in 2015.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 3 of Management Board Decision 21/2008, the UK submitted a Specific Additional Request for its participation in Joint Operation (JO) Triton on 30 April 2015;
- (5) The UK's participation in JO Triton will contribute to the achievement by deploying two vessels (Protector and Seeker) to Italy to support their implementation of the Operational Plan, according to the bilateral agreement concluded between the UK and Italy annexed to this Decision;
- (6) The financial contribution of the United Kingdom for 2015 is all costs related to the deployment of two vessels (Protector and Seeker);
- (7) On 12 May 2015 Frontex invited the Management Board on behalf of the Management Board Chairperson to take a decision on the UK's participation in Frontex JO Triton 2015.

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 No. 21/2008 of 12 June 2008 "on the practical arrangements for participation of the UK in Frontex' operational activities".

- (8) In accordance with Article 2(4) of Management Board Decision 21/2008, the Management Board decides on a Specific Request by written procedure, approving or rejecting the proposal in its entirety;
- (9) Pursuant to Article 2(5) of the Management Board Decision 21/2008, tacit approval for the UK's participation is considered to have been given in the absence of sufficient number of explicit objections;
- (10) Two objections to the participation of the UK in Frontex JO Triton 2015, from the European Commission, have been received by Frontex.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

UK's Specific Additional Request to participate in Frontex JO Triton 2015 has been approved on 15 May 2015.

Article 2

Entry into force

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

Done by written procedure, 15 May 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]
Ralf Göbel
Chairperson