

**MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 44/2015**  
**of 18 November 2015**

**on organisation by the United Kingdom (UK) of a Joint Return  
Operation to Albania on 19 November 2015**

**THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation<sup>1</sup>, and 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 activities<sup>2</sup> 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 request to participate and contribute financially to operational activities coordinated by Frontex in 2015. Based on this Annual Request, the UK submitted a Specific Request for the organization of the Joint Return Operation to Albania on 19 November 2015.
- (4) On 12 November 2015, Frontex invited the Management Board on behalf of the Management Board Chairperson to take a decision on organization by the UK of a Joint Return Operation to Albania on 19 November 2015. 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<sup>3</sup>.
- (5) 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.
- (6) No objections to the organisation by the UK of a Joint Return Operation to Albania on 19 November 2015 have been received by Frontex.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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".

<sup>3</sup> Article 8(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board (MB Decision 10/2013 of 27 March 2013).

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

*Article 1*

**Decision**

The UK's Specific Request for the organisation of a Joint Return Operation to Albania on 19 November 2015 has been approved on 18 November 2015.

*Article 2*

**Entry into force**

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

Done by written procedure, 18 November 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]

Ralf Göbel  
Chairperson