MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 15/2016
of 24 June 2016

on the United Kingdom’s participation in Frontex
Joint Operation European Patrols Network Triton
(JO EPN Triton 2016)

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Whereas:

(1) According to Article 1(1) of Management Board Decision 3/2016 on the practical arrangements for participation in and financial contribution to Frontex activities by the United Kingdom and Ireland² “the UK and Ireland each submit to the MB their respective annual requests, within two weeks after the adoption of the Frontex Annual Work Programme or at the latest by 15 December of the year N-1”.

(2) According to Article 1(5) of Management Board Decision 3/2016, “in addition to the annual request referred to in paragraph 1, the UK and Ireland may also submit additional requests for participation in Frontex activities during the course of the year, in duly justified cases”.

(3) The Management Board by its Decision 02/2016 of 09 February 2016 approved the UK’s Annual Request to participate in and contribute financially to Frontex activities in 2016.

(4) Since the proposed participation in JO EPN Triton 2016 with an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) was not foreseen in the UK’s annual request, the UK submitted an additional request for its participation in JO EPN Triton 2016 from 26.06.2016 to 14.09.2016, pursuant to Article 1(5) of Management Board Decision 3/2016.

(5) The UK’s participation in JO Triton will contribute to the achievement by deploying an OPV to Italy in the period of 26.06-14.09.2016 to support their implementation of the Operational Plan, according to the existing bilateral agreement concluded between the UK and Italy.

(6) According to Article 1(3) Management Board Decision 3/2016, by which “the UK and Ireland shall each cover their respective costs for participation in Frontex activities. This is considered as their financial contribution to the activity(…)

(7) On 22.06.2016 Frontex invited the Management Board on behalf of the Management Board Chairperson to take a decision on the UK’s participation in Frontex JO EPN Triton 2016.

² Decision of the Management Board No. 03/2016 of 24 February 2016 on the practical arrangements for participation in and financial contribution to Frontex activities by the United Kingdom and Ireland.
(8) Pursuant to Article 3(3) of Management Board Decision 3/2016, the MB adopts annual and additional requests for participation by absolute majority of its members with a rights to vote and by written procedure.

(9) Pursuant to Article 8(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board, when taking a decision by written procedure the Management Board shall approve or object the proposal in its entirety. Therefore a proposal for a Management Board Decision by written procedure is not subject to amendments.

(10) No objections to the participation of the UK in Frontex JO EPN Triton 2016 have been received by Frontex, which has been considered as tacit approval of the request.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The UK's additional request to participate in Frontex JO EPN Triton 2016 has been approved on 24 June 2016.

Article 2

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

Done by written procedure, 24 June 2016

For the Management Board

[signed]

Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson