MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 4/2020
of 29 January 2020

amending Management Board Decision 29/2019 of 2 December 2019 on
the composition of the Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation1 (hereinafter the “Regulation”), in particular Article 108(2) thereof,

Whereas:


(2) It is opportune to additionally invite the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN Human Rights) Regional Office for Europe (hereinafter “Regional Office”) to the Forum. The mandate of the Regional Office is based on that of the High Commissioner as the principal UN official in charge of the promotion and protection of human rights. The Regional Office aims to help address human rights challenges in Europe through the integration of UN human rights standards into EU-wide policies, legislation and other measures. It also seeks to ensure the integration of UN’s human rights perspective into external EU policies and activities. To this end, the Regional Office provides policy advocacy and advisory services, with a particular focus on the promotion and protection of the human rights of migrants in vulnerable situations, including children, women at risk and trafficked persons.

(3) Since the Regional Office expressed its interest in participating in the Consultative Forum2, the Fundamental Rights Officer proposed, after consulting and with the agreement of the Executive Director, to amend Decision 29/2019 accordingly.

(4) It is also necessary to amend Decision 29/2019 in relation to the working methods of the Forum. These are defined by the Consultative Forum after consulting the Management Board and the Executive Director, pursuant to Article 108(2) of the Regulation.

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Amendments

1. Article 2 of Decision 29/2019 is replaced by the following:

“Article 2

Agencies of the European Union and International Organisations

1. Pursuant to Article 70(2) of the Regulation, the following Agencies of the European Union and an International Organisation are invited to participate in the Forum:
   a. The European Asylum Support Office (EASO);
   b. The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA);
   c. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

2. The following International Organisations are invited to participate in the Forum due to their mandate and expertise in the promotion and respect of fundamental rights in the field of border and migration management:
   a. The Council of Europe (CoE);
   b. The International Organization for Migration (IOM);
   c. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR);
   d. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN Human Rights) Regional Office for Europe.”

2. Article 4 of Decision 29/2019 is replaced by the following:

“Article 4

Working methods of the Forum

The Forum defines its working methods and sets up its work programme after consulting the Management Board and the Executive Director.”

Article 2

Entry into Force

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

Done by written procedure, 29 January 2020

For the Management Board

[signed]
Marko Gašperlin
Chairman of the Management Board