WORKING ARRANGEMENT

on the establishment of Operational Cooperation between the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex) and the Administration of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine.

The European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as "Frontex") and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine,

Proceeding from their aspiration to promote the development of extensive operational cooperation between Frontex and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine,

Have arrived at the present arrangements on launching operational cooperation with regard to the following basic principles, objectives, contents and organisation of the cooperation:

1. Basic principles

Frontex and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine emphasises that the intended cooperation shall be developed gradually. The aim is to work towards a sustainable partnership.

2. Objectives

(1) To counter irregular migration and related cross-border crime by means of border control.

(2) To strengthen security at the borders between EU Member States and Ukraine.

(3) To develop good relations and mutual trust between border guard authorities at the borders between EU Member States and Ukraine.

3. Contents

(1) Development of activities in the field of information exchange and risk analyses aiming at improving the efficiency of border control at the borders between EU Member States and Ukraine.

(2) Development of activities in the field of training as well as in the field of research and development related to border management.

(3) Coordination of joint operational measures and pilot projects for maintaining and improving border control between EU Member States and Ukraine, elaboration of ideas on technical improvement of these measures.

(4) Active discussion on development at technical level of border procedures, including matters aiming at more efficient border control, best practices, improvement of technical equipment and technological upgrading at the borders.
(5) Improvement of interaction between command / management structures and units responsible for border control at the national borders between EU member-states and Ukraine.

4. Organisation

(1) A structured dialogue on the operational cooperation in border-related matters will be maintained between the Executive Director of Frontex and the Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine.

(2) Daily contacts will be maintained via agreed Points of Contact. When necessary, expert working groups will be established with a view to considering specific issues and elaborating corresponding common recommendations.

(3) The cooperation will facilitate measures taken by Frontex and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine.

5. Alterations and additions

Frontex and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine shall introduce alterations and additions into the present document based on their mutual consent.

6. Legal status

The present working arrangement shall not be considered as an international treaty. Practical implementation of its contents shall not be regarded as fulfillment of international obligations by the European Union and Ukraine.

Done in Luxemburg on 11 June 2007 in two copies in English and Ukrainian. The English version will prevail.

For the European Agency for the Management of the European Union
Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union

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