MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 40/2017
of 22 December 2017

on the approval of the deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer to Senegal

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation\(^1\), and in particular Article 55(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The operational cooperation with third countries, in particular those countries which, on the basis of a risk analysis, constitute a country of origin or transit for irregular immigration, is to be strengthened.

(2) The risk analysis of the Agency shows that Senegal constitutes an important country of origin for irregular migration and that Dakar international airport is the most reported last departure airport for document fraudsters coming from the African continent to the Schengen area.

(3) In its Decision 31/2016 of 18 October 2016 on the Priority regions for the further deployment of Liaison Officers the Management Board decided to continue to prioritise West Africa for the deployment of Frontex Liaison Officers also for 2017.

(4) Senegal is a member of the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC). The deployment of the FLO to Senegal would support the implementation of the “Strengthening of the AFIC” technical assistance project implemented by Frontex and financed by the European Commission.

(5) Frontex is negotiating a working arrangement with the National Police of the Ministry of Interior and Public Security of the Republic of Senegal. The deployment of the FLO will facilitate the implementation of this working arrangement once it is concluded.

(6) The European External Action Service and the European Union Delegation to Senegal have agreed to hosting the Frontex Liaison Officer on the premises of the Delegation and starting the negotiations of an administrative arrangement.

(7) Based on Article 55(4) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, the European Commission expressed its positive prior opinion on the deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer to Senegal on 29 November 2017.

(8) Following the consultation of the European External Action Service, the European Commission concluded in its prior opinion that border management practices in Senegal comply with minimum human rights standards as recalled in Article 55(1) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

(9) The European Parliament shall be kept fully informed as required by Article 55(4) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Subject

The deployment of a Frontex Liaison Officer to Senegal is hereby approved.

Article 2
Tasks

1. The Frontex Liaison Officer is entrusted to develop and maintain operational cooperation and coordination between the Agency and competent authorities of Senegal.

2. The Frontex Liaison Officer may also support the Agency in reaching out to relevant countries and other international stakeholders in the region, as appropriate and feasible.

Article 3
Posting and deployment

1. The Frontex Liaison Officer will be hosted by the European Union Delegation to Senegal (Dakar).

2. The Executive Director shall inform the Management Board on the date of the effective deployment of the Frontex Liaison Officer.

Article 4
Entry into force

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

Done by written procedure, 22 December 2017

For the Management Board

[signed]
Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson