MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION No 53/2015
of 10 December 2015

adopting the Working Arrangement between Frontex and the Ministry of the Interior of the Kingdom of Morocco (Directorate for General Affairs)

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the Frontex Regulation¹, in particular Article 14 thereof;

Having regard to Management Board Decision No 11/2006 of 01 September 2006, laying down the procedures for negotiating and concluding working arrangements with third countries and international organisations, and in particular Article 2 thereof;

Whereas:

(1) Operational cooperation between Frontex and the competent authority of the Kingdom of Morocco in the framework of a working arrangement and the possibility to facilitate cooperation between EU Member States and the aforementioned third country is of great importance bearing in mind that the Kingdom of Morocco is considered to be a country of origin and transit of irregular migration towards Europe, and as seen as a country of destination for the region.

(2) It is of great strategic importance in regard to the increasing role of Frontex in North Africa, as well as to support the important role of the Kingdom of Morocco in the management of the migratory fluxes in the region. In fact, this would be the first working arrangement celebrated with the competent authorities of a North African country and could be followed as a good example by other countries in the region.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Adoption of the Working Arrangement

The final draft Working Arrangement between Frontex and the Ministry of the Interior of the Kingdom of Morocco (Directorate for General Affairs) is hereby adopted.

Article 2
Entry into force

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

Done by written procedure, 10 December 2015

For the Management Board

[signed]

Ralf Göbel
Chairperson