

**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 Regulation<sup>1</sup>, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 of 26 October 2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union OJ L 349, 25.11.2004, p. 1, as last amended.

*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

