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JOINT TECHNICAL EXPERT WORKING GROUP

EMSA-Frontex

**CREATION AND
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

HAVING REGARD to the Cooperation Arrangement signed in Lisbon and Warsaw respectively on 9 and 15 December 2008,

The Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency, established by Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002, referred to hereinafter as "EMSA",

and

The Executive Director of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the EU, established by Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2004 of 26 October 2004, referred to hereinafter as "Frontex",

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 Scope

1. A joint technical expert working group, referred hereafter as the "group", is established, to develop a proposal on how the envisaged mutual cooperation in the field of maritime surveillance should be organised.

Article 2 Composition

1. The group is composed by three representatives of EMSA and by three representatives of Frontex¹:
 1. Lazaros Aichmalotidis (Head of Unit C.2 -EMSA)
 2. Paul Wilkins (Policy officer for Safety of Navigation - EMSA)
 3. Lawrence Sciberras (Project officer LRIT - EMSA)
 4. Edgar Beugels (Acting Head of Research & Development unit - Frontex)
 5. Georgios Vourekas (Head of Sea Operations Sector, Frontex)
 6. Ingo Reinhardt (Frontex Situation Center)

¹ Other representatives of EMSA and Frontex may be involved in the works of the group and may participate at their meetings when the situation so requires.

2. Lazaros Aichmalotidis (EMSA) and Georgios Vourekas (Frontex) are designated co-chairmen of the group.

Article 3 Mandate

1. The group receives the following mandate:
 - a. to explore the technical and operational possibilities of the combined use by Frontex of the maritime surveillance systems and data bases currently being developed by EMSA;
 - b. to consider and analyse the legal, financial and technical consequences of the combined use of maritime surveillance systems and data bases. This shall include identification of any barriers and restrictions, and of recommendations for improvement or other amendment to legal instruments with proposed plans of action;
 - c. on the basis of the EMSA applications (SafeSeaNet, LRIT and CleanSeaNet) to identify, propose and plan projects of common interest related to maritime surveillance;
 - d. for the projects of common interests, to lay down the contents of mutual cooperation, clarifying the conditions, rights and obligations related to the access/provision of services;
 - e. for the projects of common interests, to identify the possible resources needed (staff and financial resources).

Article 4 Working Method

1. The group will work mainly by correspondence. Meetings will be convened at least three times (launching of the activities, mid-term review, closing of the activities), as well as when deemed necessary, with alternative designation of venue by EMSA and Frontex.
2. The group will ensure mutual support and exchange of know-how acquired by both Agencies in the area of traffic monitoring systems.

Article 5 Reporting obligations

1. The group shall report quarterly to the Executive Directors and present a final report summarizing the conclusions reached and submitting proposals for the way forward.

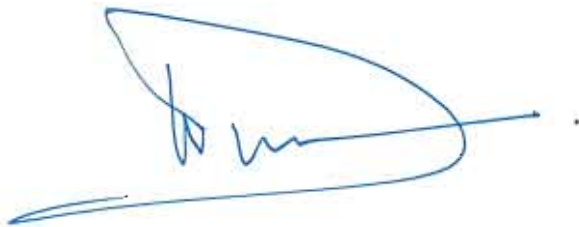
Article 6 Duration

1. The duration of the mandate is one year, starting from 10 January 2009.

Signed in Lisbon and Warsaw in two originals in English language.

European Maritime Safety
Agency

On 9 December 2008



Willem DE RUITER
Executive Director

Frontex

On 15 December 2008



Ilkka LAITINEN
Executive Director