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Chair of the Committee on Civil
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Subject: Working Arrangement to be concluded with the Republic of Guinea

Dear President,
Dear Chair,

Pursuant to the information obligations set out in Article 76(4) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation¹, I am pleased to provide you with detailed information as regards the parties and the envisaged content of the Working Arrangement that the Agency intends to conclude with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Guineans Abroad of the Republic of Guinea.

This will be the first Working Arrangement that is signed between Frontex and the Republic of Guinea, which establishes the framework for cooperation with the Guinean counterparts in a number of areas of the Agency's mandate.

In this regard, the Working Arrangement includes enhanced provisions on the exchange of risk analysis information and sharing of analytical products. This will contribute to the further improvement of the common situational awareness and risk analysis activities. Provisions on the establishment of cooperation related to the development of capacity building and technical assistance have also been included.

Additionally, the Working Arrangement provides the basis for a stronger and more proactive role for Frontex in effective returns. Once concluded, the Working Arrangement will allow for the collaboration to encompass a comprehensive set of activities in the area of return: pre-return, return operations, post-arrival and post-return in line with the enhanced mandate of the Agency.

On a more horizontal level, the Working Arrangement further underlines and ensures that the rights of all persons, especially of those in need of international protection, unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable persons are duly respected during all activities.

The Agency has also received the prior approval by the European Commission and an opinion from the Fundamental Rights Officer prior to its adoption by the Frontex Management Board. Please also be aware that the Working Arrangement will be made public on the Agency's website once it is concluded.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624

Should you require further details regarding the Working Arrangement, your services are invited to contact the Frontex International Cooperation Unit at HoU.ICU@frontex.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,



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