

Minutes from the Working Group Meeting on JO Triton OPLAN, 24 July 2017

Date 24 July 2017

Place FX HQ

Chaired by [REDACTED], FX [REDACTED]

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I. Welcome and introduction remarks by FX Deputy Executive Director Bernd Körner (BK)

DED opening the meeting reminded on the scope of the meeting and possible discussions;

IT thanked FX for the prompt response on the urgent request to organize a meeting on amendment of [REDACTED]

- Reference was made to the last meeting and establishment of Working Group (WG), emphasizing the social and political implication for IT due to migration crisis.
- New approach needs to be elaborated towards European border management

[REDACTED] to take more [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The new [REDACTED]
more extensive [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] presented agenda which was prepared by FX with the intention to support and facilitate the meeting requested by IT. The agenda was agreed as proposed.

II. Practical arrangements for the working group

[REDACTED] WG to be composed of representatives of FX units/entities: RAU, JOU, LAU, RSU, FSC, CAB.

[REDACTED] IT confirmed that their delegation also covers a wide range of institutions involved in migration management (Immigration service which also ensures return activities, [REDACTED])

- Organization of meetings and/or video conferences to facilitate cooperation of the working group. IT agreed on the proposals.

[REDACTED] FX asked about the [REDACTED] explained that this [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] they consider [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- The contact points for WG were established:

FX [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

IT: [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

- Frontex requested to use the time before the next meeting for mutual update on relevant developments, e.g.

[REDACTED] Negotiation and adoption of the NGO-COC

[REDACTED] TC-cooperation, in particular [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Related to other actors, in particular [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Declaration [REDACTED]

- ITA agreed with the request and started with updates as follows:

Cooperation with NGOs

Massive presence of NGOs as a new factor

- Final draft of Code of Conduct (CoC) to be presented by the Minister of Interior on the 25 July
- The CoC should be considered as an important part of operations planning and "be part of a broader strategic concept".

FX requested to be provided with final consolidated version.

International cooperation

the project soon to be in order to cooperate need to be part of the to support made proposal that

- Possible involvement of MLT,

III. ITA view on

Frontex To To introduce The JO to be should be foreseen should be elaborated

6. The need of effective application of Article 98 of UN Convention on Law of the Sea (Montego Bay, 1982)

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8. Adoption of the CoC for NGOs which are voluntarily present in Central Med for search and rescue purposes.
9. Cooperation with the country of origins with the view on return operations

█ thanked ITA for presenting the █ and presented overview on ongoing priorities of FX response:

█ FX enhanced support in Hotspots █
 █ in order to increase the operation capacity
 █ procedures and █
 █ Cooperation on SAR is crucial but still more needs to be done █
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IV. The future of EUNAVFOR MED operation Sophia and cooperation

█ ITA mentioned that █
 █ stated that the █
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 - FX repeated █

V. Closure and wrap-up (█)

- Participants have shared information and thoughts that are relevant for the scope and objectives of working group;
- FX will receive the proposals from ITA (item III) in written form;
- The contact points for WG on █ (both ITA and FX side);
- Composition of FX and ITA delegation was agreed
- Technical details and timeline of future WG were agreed. Next meeting will be organized by FX and is envisaged for the first week of September, the second one will be hosted by ITA. Decision on the exact dates will be taken at a later stage.
- ITA confirmed that the final draft of CoC for NGOs will also be sent to FX.
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- Combined press release was prepared and agreed.

BK delivered final concluding remarks and closed the meeting.

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