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Request for access to Frontex documents

Dear Mr. Grasso,

Thank you for your email asking for clarification on the press release issued by Frontex on 14 April 2007.

The quote "...more than a thousand of human lives saved" refers to the total of "1167 migrants who were diverted back to their points of departure at ports at the West African coast, thus preventing them to risk their lives on the dangerous journey". This sentence is in fact the last sentence of the first paragraph of the same press release you refer to.

The number was provided to Frontex by Spanish authorities. Please find attached an excerpt from the Hera III evaluation report confirming these numbers.

Please be advised that Frontex does not collect statistics of the deaths of migrants - these are typically collected by the individual member states. Subsequently, we do not have any relevant methodology in place.

Yours sincerely,



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