Joint Return Operation to Georgia,  
17/02/2010, organised by Spain  
2010/OPS/25

Implementation Plan

The Joint Return Operation (JRO) to Georgia is organised by Spain and coordinated and co-financed by Frontex. It will take place on 17.02.2010. Its purpose is to remove, from the territory of the EU Member States and Schengen Associated Countries, relevant third-country nationals who are subject of expulsion orders issued by the participating countries to their country of origin.

Members detailed for duty in this operation will ensure full compliance with the Human Rights obligations ensuring respect and dignity for all persons encountered in the course of this operation.

Any incident of a sensitive or public interest nature which occurs during the course of this operation will immediately be reported, in writing, by the member concerned, for the information of Frontex @frontex.europa.eu and Spain as an organiser.

Informing Destination Country about JRO:

Each participating MS/SAC is obliged to inform the relevant Georgian diplomatic representation about the return of the Georgian citizens expelled from their national territories through Spain or Greece.

Itinerary:

Route / schedule (local times):

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Available seats for this operation for OMS and PMS: (returnees), (escorts)

Leading state: Spain

Participants:
- France
- Greece
- Poland
- Switzerland
- Norway
- Frontex.

Numbers of returnees, escorts, observers: Annex 1

Handling Agents:
Spain

Frontex:
- Frontex Return Operations Officer [redacted] will assist as coordinator at [redacted] airport and during the operation onboard.
  Contact – mobile: [redacted]
- [redacted] can be contacted at follows: desk phones: [redacted] mobiles: [redacted] e-mail: [redacted]

Dress code:
The dress code for escorts on this flight will be smart casual without neck ties. Official vests with "national logo" in clear letters on the rear or front or armbands shall be worn while on duty at embarkation airport and onboard until arrival at the
airport in the destination country. They will not be worn if disembarking from aircraft there. Full uniform is NOT permitted.

Operational Briefing:
Escort leaders (EL) and observers will attend an operational briefing mainly to update the pax lists, seating plan and discuss boarding process as well as other important procedures prior to embarkation in __________. The briefing point and time will be determined in due time.

A separate briefing will be conducted by the organizer with a cockpit and a cabin crew.

Medical Attention:
1. Medical staff will be available at the __________ Airport before the departure of the joint charter as well as onboard.
2. Participating states are requested to communicate any pre-existing medical conditions or requirements in timely fashion to the organising Member State.

Transport of Returnees:
To __________ Airport:
➢ MS arriving by commercial flights will be picked up by the Spanish colleagues and directed to the special area. When necessary, the returnees will be provided with catering.
➢ MS arriving by charter flights, will either be taken to the special area or located by the Spanish aircraft, and embarkation will be carried out from plane to plane.

To __________ Airport:
➢ Greece will transport their returnees by bus to __________ Airport and they will either be taken to a special area or located in buses near the Austrian aircraft, embarkation will be carried out from bus to plane.
➢ Norway will join the flight in __________ they will arrive by commercial flight from __________ at 15:10 hours. Flight number: __________. At Arrival Norway will be supported by the Greek authorities.
➢ Poland will join the flight in __________ They will arrive by commercial flight __________ from __________, expected time of arrival: 12:10 hours. Poland will be supported by the Greek Authorities.
➢ Switzerland will join the flight in __________ They will arrive by chartered flight, flight number __________ expected time of arrival: 13:40 hours. At arrival Switzerland will be supported by the Greek Authorities.

Preparation of transport for Returnees (Airport):
1. Each returnee has to be searched thoroughly before boarding by respective national escorts.
2. National escort leaders are in charge of the **coercive measures** concerning their deportees. The Spanish escort leader has the final responsibility. The only means of coercion allowed during the flight will be the ones mentioned below and indicated in the previous sent offer sent by Spain. Any other possible need will have to be discussed and agreed in advance with the Spanish team leader.

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3. Escorts will have a **designated returnee** from departure to the destination.

4. **Personal belongings** shall not be put in the baggage hold of the aircraft. They should be placed in an envelope/plastic bag and marked with a name of a returnee. These items actually will be handled only by a responsible escort and they will hand it back over to the returnee just before disembarkation.

5. **Baggage** which is transported in the hold of the aircraft will be properly tagged and marked with a name of a returnee so that it may be properly unloaded in the destination country.

6. Maximum weight allowed per passenger is limited to 20 Kg.

**Boarding:**

1. Boarding will take place in a secure area. Escorts and returnees will be seated as directed by the organiser’s officials. The **Seating Plan** will be distributed during the operational briefing prior to embarkation.

2. Once on board, all passengers will take their seats and remain seated.

3. The toilet will not be used until the fasten seat belts signs have been switched off after the take off. Only one returnee at the time will be permitted to use the toilet. Escorts are advised to jam the toilet door open and observe a returnee.

**Procedures Onboard of Aircraft:**

1. All escorts and other officials will remain alert at all times.

2. The escort level on this flight is according with a previous risk assessment carried out by the concerned MS.

3. No member will leave his/her designated returnee unless relieved. At no time there shall be less than the designated number of escorts with any returnee as it has been assessed.

4. Any movement of a returnee from a seat will not take place without the authority of EL. Any such authorised movements will be supervised by an organiser’s escorting officer.

5. Emergency exit rows will **not** be utilised for seating returnees.

6. A security back-up team will operate in the aircraft. This team will isolate and deal with any trouble makers as well as securing the exit doors.
7. Physical force will only be used as a last resort. Restraint will be used appropriate to the level of resistance faced. To this end appropriate Velcro and key operated leg and hand restraints will be available. All such restraint is subject to the authority of the captain of the flight who is in charge of the aircraft in connection with all safety and security measures. Coercive measure are allowed on board as indicated in the flight offer, offensive weapons are prohibited.

8. Toilets for the use of returnees will be clearly indicated.

9. On the outward flight all escorts and officials will be provided with the same food as returnees.

10. All relevant incidents have to be brought to the attention of the Spanish EL.

**Procedure at Destination Airport:**

1. Returnees will be presented to the Georgian authorities at the door of the aircraft and they will not be invited to board the aircraft.

2. When the aircraft comes to a stop and a complete standstill at the final parking position any restraint will be removed from the returnees and they will be brought to the door of the aircraft. At this time they will be handed their personal belongings which were transported in the cabin.

3. The Spanish escort leader will make the first contact with the third-country representatives. Afterwards, the EL of each participating state will meet the third-country immigration officials and hand over travel documents while presenting returnees.

4. Baggage in the hold will then be unloaded.

**Return from Destination Country:**

➢ A debriefing will be organised during the return flight from the destination country to Spain with all the escort leaders, team leaders and Frontex representative.

**After-operation phase:**

➢ Spain as a leading country will provide Frontex with the Final Return Operation Report in a standard form.

**All members involved in this JRO will be briefed accordingly.**

Annexes: Annex 1 - Passengers’ numbers & Embarkation Airports & Arrival Times
Annex 2 - Escort Leaders & Crisis Focal Points 24/7 & Observers

Done in Warsaw, date [redacted] 2010