Joint Return Operation on 24/25.04.2013 by Spain to Pakistan
2012/ROS/47

Implementation Plan

The Joint Return Operation (JRO) on 24/25.04.2013 to Pakistan is organised by Spain and coordinated and co-financed by Frontex. 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 individual return decision issued by the participating countries to their country of origin.

Members detailed for duty in this operation will ensure full compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights 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 organizer.

Itinerary: Route / schedule (local times):

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Aircrafts: [ ]

Available seats for this operation in total: [ ]

Leading state: Spain

Participants: France, Ireland, Switzerland, Portugal, Romania (observer), Bulgaria, Poland, Norway, Sweden, Greece.

1 Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, 2007/C303/01
Numbers of returnees, escorts, observers: See Annex 1

On 22.04.2013 one Frontex representative will travel to ______ for preparation duties together with the Spanish organisers. The P.M.S. (France, Ireland, Switzerland, Portugal and Romania’s observer) will embark in ______ the P.M.S. (Bulgaria, Poland, Norway and Sweden) will embark in ______ (stopover). After hand over in Pakistan the charter will return to ______ Some participants will stay overnight in ______ after the operation on 25 to 26/04/13.

Handling Agents:

Frontex:

- [Contact Information], mobile: [Contact Information], will assist as a coordinator at Frontex before the mission, at ______ airport before take off and during the operation onboard and the hand over.
- [Contact Information], mobile: [Contact Information] e-mail: [Contact Information]

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 ______. They will not be worn if disembarking from aircraft in ______. Full uniform is NOT permitted.

Operational Briefing:
The Escort leaders (EL) of France, Ireland, Switzerland, Portugal and the Romanian’s observer will attend an operational briefing at ______ Airport to update the pax lists, seating plan and discuss boarding process, security as well as other important procedures on board. The briefing point and time will be determined in due time. Another operational briefing will be done in ______ with the EL PMS of Bulgaria, Poland, Norway, Sweden and Greece.

Medical Attention:
Medical staff will be available at the ______ Airport before the departure of the joint charter as well as onboard.
Participating states are requested to communicate any pre-existing medical conditions or requirements in timely fashion to the organising Member State.
Interpreter:
There won’t be one interpreter on board.

Human rights monitor:
No monitor will be on board.

Transport of returnees to [Alice] and [Bob] Airport:
The delegations of France and Ireland will arrive with a charter flight to [Alice] and Norway with Sweden with charter flight to [Bob] the rest of PMS will arrive by commercial flight to [Alice] or [Bob]. The PMS will be assisted by the Spanish and Greek ground staff in [Alice] and [Bob] and taken to the special gathering area before the embarkation to the main charter.

Preparation of transport for Returnees (Airport):
1. Each returnee has to be searched thoroughly before boarding by respective national escorts (in accordance with the national law).
2. National escort leaders are in charge of the coercive measures concerning their deportees. The ES escort leader has the final responsibility.

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.
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 before the departure.
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 the respective Escort Leader. 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 measures 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 Escort Leader.

11. This flight is a non smoking flight.

12. During this flight, the use of alcohol is not allowed.

Procedure at [Airport]:

1. 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.

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

3. Returnees will be presented to the Pakistan authorities by the escort leaders.

4. Baggage in the hold will then be unloaded.

5. The escorts and other officials will not disembark the aircraft.

Return from [Airport]

➤ After the hand-over procedure, the EL of all participating Member States will be respectfully asked to complete “JRO Debriefing Form”, distributed by the Frontex representative onboard, and return it before the debriefing. The feedback provided in the forms will be utilized during the debriefing.

➤ A debriefing will be organised during the return flight from [Airport] to [Airport] 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.

➤ It is the Escort Leaders responsibility and task to inform each member of his/her contingent about the content of the Implementation Plan and to ensure that each member of his/her contingent complies with it.

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Annexes:

- Annex 1 - Passengers’ numbers & Embarkation Airports & Arrival Times
- Annex 2 - Escort Leaders & Crisis Focal Points 24/7 & Observers
- Annex 3 - Code of Conduct

For Frontex

Done in Warsaw, 15.04.2013