

## FRONTEX CONSULTATIVE FORUM ON FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

*Article 70 (5) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation ‘...the Consultative Forum shall have effective access to all information concerning respect for fundamental rights.’<sup>1</sup>*

CONSULTATIVE FORUM REQUEST	
Requestor:	Consultative Forum
Date of the request:	10/07/2017
Subject of the request:	Information regarding Italy’s proposals on JO Triton as referred to in the Commission Action Plan on the Central Mediterranean (URL: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20170704_action_plan_on_the_central_mediterranean_route_en.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20170704_action_plan_on_the_central_mediterranean_route_en.pdf</a> ) as well as on the state of play regarding Frontex’ examination of these proposals, most notably minutes and conclusions from the meeting between Frontex and the Italian authorities to discuss JO Triton on July 11.
Justification of the request:	<p>According to Article 70(1) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation, the Consultative Forum is mandated to assist the Executive Director and the Management Board with independent advice on fundamental rights matters. Article 70(5) of the Regulation establishes the right of the Consultative Forum to access all information concerning the respect for fundamental rights in Frontex activities.</p> <p>The Commission’s <i>Action Plan on measures to support Italy, reduce pressure along the Central Mediterranean route and increase solidarity</i>, dated 4 July 2017 (SEC[2017] 339) mandates the European Border and Coast Guard Agency “to urgently examine Italy’s proposals regarding Joint Operation Triton“. According to the press statement following the discussions on the Central Mediterranean at the informal Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting, “Ministers also took note of the meeting called next week by the European Border and Coastguard Agency to discuss operation Triton” (see <a href="https://www.eu2017.eu/news/press-releases/press-statement-following-discussions-central-mediterranean">https://www.eu2017.eu/news/press-releases/press-statement-following-discussions-central-mediterranean</a>). Since the Italian proposals, the results of the afore-mentioned meeting and of the further examination of the proposals will have a direct effect on the respect for human rights in the context of the Frontex-coordinated Joint Operation Triton, they are important for the work of the Consultative Forum.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard, available at [http://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Legal\\_basis/European\\_Border\\_and\\_Coast\\_Guard.pdf](http://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Legal_basis/European_Border_and_Coast_Guard.pdf)

With this request, the Consultative Forum seeks to obtain direct information from Frontex regarding the abovementioned proposals as well as the examination of those proposals, most notably the minutes and conclusions of the meeting between Frontex and the Italian authorities on July 11. This information will allow the Consultative Forum to fulfil its role in assisting the Frontex Executive Director and Management Board in fundamental rights matters as per Article 70(1) of the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation.

#### FRONTEX RESPONSE

Date of registration: **11.07.2017**

Date of Frontex response: **31.07.2017**

Response submitted/approved/handled by: **Cabinet**

Frontex response: Information provided:  
Yes ☒  
No ☐  
Partially (please specify) ☐

If information is not provided or is provided partially, please outline the reasons/justification:

List of attached documents  
(if any)

*Please find attached the requested information.*

*The information contains:*

- *Minutes of meeting 11 July 2017*
- *Minutes of meeting 24 July 2017*

*with the exception of sensitive information referring to ongoing operational activities and respective operational area;*

*as well as the respective press releases.*

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