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Future Group on Travel Intelligence and Border Management

Invitation for the 1st Workshop – 25 & 26 September 2019

Dear <name>,

By means of this letter, we would like to inform you about the upcoming workshop on the use of travel intelligence and border management information for the strengthening of internal security and enforcement of border and migration regimes. This workshop will take place on 25 and 26 September 2019 at the Headquarters of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency - Frontex. It will start on the 25th of September at 12:30 and is expected to end the following day at around 16:30.

The workshop is the first one of a series that will be organised as part of an initiative called "The Future Group on Travel Intelligence and Border Management", established jointly by Frontex and Europol. The objective of this Future Group is to realise operational benefits from recent legislative measures related to Smart Borders, Interoperability and Passenger Name Record (PNR).

The series of workshops, hosted alternately at Frontex and Europol Headquarters, are aimed to stimulate discussions among representatives from different competent authorities dealing with border and migration management, customs, and criminal investigations at national and international level. Hopefully, those discussions will lead to practical opportunities for making optimal use of the available information and strengthening operational partnerships across areas of competence, resulting in a better prevention, detection, and investigation of illegal migration, serious crime, and terrorism.

The first workshop is intended to obtain a good overview of the changes and opportunities that stem from the collection of legislative measures, such as the Advance Passenger Information (API) and PNR Directives, the Interoperability Regulations as well as the establishment of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the European Travel information and Authorisation System (ETIAS). For that purpose, it aims to bring together representatives with a broad perspective and visibility on the general impact of the referred measures. For subsequent workshops, the discussions will focus on more concrete themes and invitations for those will consequently take into account the required expertise in the respective subject matters addressed.

On behalf of Frontex and Europol, we would like to invite you to take part in the first workshop, appreciating your specific knowledge and expertise. For representatives from Member States'

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competent authorities, the expenses for travel and accommodation will be reimbursed by the organisers. To facilitate your decision on accepting this invitation, we have attached the draft agenda of the workshop on 25 and 26 September 2019 and the Terms of Reference.

Confirmation will be highly appreciated ultimately **by 12 September 2019** via e-mail to [redacted]. Upon confirmation, you will be contacted by our staff for further practical arrangements, including travel and accommodation.

We hope this letter provides sufficient information to enable a decision on participation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at Frontex via [redacted] and [redacted] at Europol via [redacted].

It is envisaged that all participants actively contribute to all agenda points. Short presentations for specific agenda topics with the aim of framing or supporting the discussions are particularly welcome. If you wish to do so, please inform the two above-mentioned colleagues in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms Catherine De Bolle
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