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## **JOINT TECHNICAL EXPERT WORKING GROUP**

**EMSA - Frontex - CFCA**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

2010

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HAVING REGARD to the Cooperation Arrangement signed in Lisbon, Warsaw and Vigo respectively on 4, 6 and 11 November 2009,

The Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency, established by Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002, referred to hereinafter as "EMSA",

and

The Executive Director of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the EU, established by Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2004 of 26 October 2004, referred to hereinafter as "Frontex",

and

The Executive Director of the Community Fisheries Control Agency, established by Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005, referred to hereinafter as "CFCA",

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

### **Article 1 Scope**

1. A joint technical expert working group, referred hereafter as the "group", is established, to develop a proposal on how the envisaged mutual cooperation in the field of maritime surveillance should be organised.

### **Article 2 Composition**

1. The group is composed of three representatives each from EMSA, Frontex and CFCA<sup>1</sup>:
  1. Lazaros Aichmalotidis, Head of Unit, Vessel Traffic and Reporting Services (EMSA)
  2. Lawrence Sciberras, Project Officer, Maritime Surveillance (EMSA)

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<sup>1</sup> Other representatives of EMSA, Frontex and CFCA may be involved in the works of the group and may participate at their meetings when the situation so requires.

3. Machteld Price, Project Officer, Satellite Monitoring Services (EMSA)
  4. Gregorio Ameyugo, Capacity Building Division, R&D Unit (Frontex)
  5. Mario Ehrka, Sea Border Sector, Operations Division (Frontex)
  6. Alexander Fuchs, Situation Centre, Operations Division (Frontex)
  7. Beatrice Comby, Head of Unit, Capacity Building (CFCA)
  8. Jose Navarro, Head of Section, Data Centre and Networks (CFCA)
2. EMSA, Frontex and CFCA shall designate one permanent representative to act as the chairman of the group on a rotation basis.

### **Article 3 Mandate**

1. The group receives the following mandate:
  - a. to explore the operational benefits from exchanges of information of common interest between the agencies and the technical solutions to deliver those exchanges this including the combined use of their maritime surveillance and information systems;
  - b. to consider and analyse the legal, financial and technical consequences of exchanging information of common interest and making combined use of maritime surveillance systems and data bases;
  - c. on the basis of the Agencies' available information and existing applications, to identify, propose and plan projects of common interest related to maritime surveillance;
  - d. for the projects of common interests, to draft the contents of mutual cooperation, clarifying the conditions, rights and obligations related to the access/provision of services within the mandate of each Agency;
  - e. for the projects of common interests, to assess and identify the potential resource requirements (staff and financial).

### **Article 4 Working Method**

1. The group will work mainly by correspondence. Meetings will be convened on at least three occasions (launching of the activities, mid-term review, closing of the activities), as well as when deemed

necessary, with alternating venues designated by EMSA, Frontex and CFCA.

2. The group will ensure mutual support and exchange of know-how acquired by the Agencies in the area of their respective mandates.

### **Article 5 Reporting obligations**

The group shall keep the Executive Directors informed, including the provision of quarterly progress reports and a final report summarizing the conclusions reached and submitting proposals for the way forward.

### **Article 6 Duration**

The duration of the mandate is one year, beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

Signed in Lisbon, Warsaw and Vigo in three originals in the English language.

EMSA

Frontex

CFCA

Date: 23/2/2010  
Place: Lisbon

Date: 26 February 2010  
Place: Warsaw

Date: 01 MARS 2010  
Place: Vigo

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