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European Commission Vice-President for Promoting the European Way of Life

Ms Ylva Johansson  
European Commissioner for Home Affairs

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Dear Vice-President, dear Commissioner,

Following the Extraordinary Management Board meeting on 10 November dedicated to the issue of alleged pushbacks as reported by several media outlets and in reply to the subsequent questions received from the Commission, Germany and Switzerland, I would like to share with you the attached 'fact finding report' encompassing the Agency's answers.

In addition, please find attached a copy of letters received from Romania and Portugal in response to my letters sent on 9 November inviting the respective Management Board Members to assess the operational situation in the described by the media alleged incidents.

The replies from both Romania and Portugal provide a lot of valuable insights and could provide a good start for the works of the MB Working Group planned to be established at the upcoming 82<sup>nd</sup> MB meeting on 25-26 November.

Moreover, taking into account the seriousness of the allegations of the Management Board Member of Sweden during the Extraordinary MB, I would like to inform you that I have entrusted Frontex's Inspection and Control Office (ICO) with a fact-finding mission to investigate that matter further and analyse the facts in a fair and professional way.

I hope you will find these answers satisfactory and I remain at your disposal for any further clarification as needed.

Yours sincerely,



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CC: Ms Monique Pariat, Director-General, DG Migration and Home Affairs

List of Annexes:

- 1) Report on the questions received following the Extraordinary MB
- 2) ED Letter to Romania dated 09/11
- 3) ED Letter to Portugal dated 09/11
- 4) Reply Letter from Romania dated 19/11
- 5) Reply Letter from Portugal dated 20/11
- 6) ED Letter to Mr Patrik Engström - Management Board Member of Sweden dated 20/11