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Dear Mr. Leggeri,

Thank you for your letter dated 9th November that deserved the full attention of the Portuguese authorities.

Following the reception of the aforementioned letter, I personally consulted the Portuguese Maritime Police, the national authority that deployed the technical equipment (two CPB) allegedly involved in the so-called pushbacks reported in the media.

Upon this consultation, I can reaffirm the information already presented in the Extraordinary Management Board Meeting, included in the mission reports of CPB Nortada and Molivos, according to which there are no incidents reported.

Let me stress that Portugal and its national law enforcement bodies are fully committed to the respect of European Union Acquis, the international maritime law and, in particular, the principles related to Fundamental Rights and international protection obligations. In coherence, the Portuguese Maritime Police rejects all allegations of participation or passive witnessing pushback

actions or any kind of actions that could be perceived as a violation of the EU law and the principles governing international protection and/or fundamental rights.

Notwithstanding the above, the Portuguese authorities remain fully available to provide all the required support in the investigations started or in course, in the Agency.

Yours sincerely,

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