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Dear Director,

With reference to your request of 18 February 2022 related to the Written Question [E-519/2022] submitted by MEP Clare Daly to the Commission, I would like to provide you with the answers to the questions in relation to the 'Roadmap to update Frontex Public Register of Document' ('Public Register') as follows:

Question 1: What progress has Frontex made with regard to the short- and medium-term actions set out in the roadmap, all of which were due to be completed by the end of 2021?

Frontex completed the stock-taking of the relevant documents, mapping those that can be published in the Public Register of Documents ('Public Register'). This process was done in close cooperation with responsible business units. In accordance with a recent Decision of the Executive Director No R-ED-2022-29 establishing the approval workflow and categories for the Public Register ('ED Decision'), the documents in question will be provided by the relevant entities and uploaded to the Public Register. Frontex also reviewed its website, identifying documents which were dispersed across its different sections while potentially being of interest to the general public and in order to make them even more accessible it uploaded them to the new Public Register, which was developed after studying and benchmarking against the existing registers on the websites of other EU agencies.

Question 2: What progress has it made with regard to the longer-term deliverables, the majority of which were due to be completed in 2021?

Frontex developed its new Public Register on a dedicated ICT platform on its website, in line with the European Ombudsman's recommendations in the Decision of the European Ombudsman in case 2273/2019/MIG. The Public Register was officially launched on 28 February 2022. The documents included in the register are divided into categories and subcategories in line with the respective ED Decision. The Public Register offers a variety of

search options: the documents can be filtered by categories/subcategories, keywords, publication dates, and languages. Along with the categories/subcategories structure, a dedicated workflow for the systematic upload of documents to the Public Register was established and approved.

Two meetings were held with the European Commission's representatives to discuss and to consult on the potential use of Advanced Records System (ARES) for the proactive publication of documents to the Public Register. However, Frontex's version of ARES does not come equipped with the PAV (Publicly Available Versions) functionality, which was being tested by the Commission at the time the meetings took place. It is not known whether PAV will be eventually made available to other EU bodies including Frontex.

Question 3: What is the state of play of the longer-term deliverables foreseen for completion in 2022?

ARES was launched in Frontex on 1 March 2022. Due to this fact, for now it is not possible to assess the integration possibilities between ARES and the existing document registers and workflows. It is not clear either if the PAV functionality will be added to Frontex's ARES version thus enabling deeper integration between ARES and the Public Register.

Yours sincerely,



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