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**Mr Matthias OEL**

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Dear Mr Oel,

In reference to your inquiry please see below the necessary elements for a concise reply to the written question E-1969/2022 *“The Future Group on Travel Intelligence and Border Management set up by Europol and Frontex”*:

**1. Which Member States have provided national experts in the fields of criminal investigation, security, border management, customs and migration to be part of the Future Group, and which countries have also sent representatives of their national police forces?**

Member States have not formally provided any experts to take part in the meetings of the Future Group although in some cases national authorities have been consulted to identify a suitable expert. Europol and Frontex had determined that it would be in the best interest of discussions if participants would not be formally representing their competent authority, nor their Member State. The participants have been selected as subject-matter experts, while seeking a balanced representation of the various professional disciplines (multidisciplinary approach) and a wide geographic representation. The invitations to participate were, therefore, based on the agenda or topics to be discussed making the attendance at the Future Group quite flexible.

The Future Group was attended by invited national subject matter experts from BE; BG; CZ; DE; EE; ES; FI; FR; HU; IE; IT; LU; LV; NL; PL; RO; SE. Some attended only 1 or a few sessions; others attended more frequently.

The national subject matter experts were members of police forces, customs and excise authorities, border management forces, immigration services and passenger information units.

**2. Which Member States have also sent members of their intelligence services to meetings of the Future Group, or submitted written contributions?**

Further to the answer to Q1, Member States did not determine whom to send from their competent authorities, including from intelligence services. In some countries, intelligence services are associated to the national passenger information units, but subject matter experts of passenger information units that participated in the meetings of the Future Group were not representing the intelligence service community in any way.

Yours sincerely,

*Electronically signed*

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