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Subject: Recommendation on Own Inquiry - OI/13/2012/MHZ)

Dear Mr. Diamandouros,

Following your visit to Frontex and the request for further clarifications dated 7 May 2013, Frontex provided such clarifications by letter dated 21 June 2013.

Referring to your clarifications, in your letter of 9 August 2013, you underlined the need for Frontex to reconsider its position as regards two matters.

One, that Frontex would consider making available in all EU official languages at least the information provided on the homepage of its website. The other, that Frontex would modify the Decision of the management Board of 21 September 2006 laying down practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents of the Agency and then make it available in its website.

As regards the former, I would like to inform you that in the first months of 2014 Frontex will make available on its website the general information about the Agency in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Polish. Frontex will also make every effort to extend the list of the languages to all 24 by the end of 2014.

I'd also like to inform you that the Decision of the management Board of 21 September 2006 laying down practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents of the Agency is currently being revised. Once this work is finalized, Frontex will make its best efforts to have it adopted as soon as possible in the coming meeting(s) of the Management Board or earlier, if feasible, by written procedure.

I remain at your disposal should you require more information

Yours sincerely



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