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Delegations will find below the proposal for the Joint Police Operation "Mos Maiorum", prepared on the basis of the guidelines set out in the Guide for Joint Police Operation – JPOs (doc. 16825/10 ENFOPOL 343 JAI 995 COSI 76).

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Joint Operation (JO) "MOS MAIORUM", will be implemented **from 13 to 26 October 2014**, in the framework of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

This J.O. is a continuation of previous operations held during the last Presidencies of the Council of the European Union, and was prepared on the basis of the guidelines set out in the Guide for Joint Police Operation – JPOs (doc. 16825/10 ENFOPOL 343 JAI 995 COSI 76).

The J.O. “MOS MAIORUM” will be an operation aiming at weakening the capacity of organized crime groups to facilitate illegal immigration to the EU and will be focusing on illegal border crossing. Another goal of this operation is to collect information, for intelligence and investigation purposes, regarding the main routes followed by migrants to enter in the common area and the modus operandi used by crime networks to smuggle people towards the EU territory, focusing also on the secondary movements.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

The JO “MOS MAIORUM” is going to be implemented to:

- apprehend irregular migrants and gather relevant information for intelligence and investigative purposes;
- identify, prosecute and disrupt organized crime groups;
- give a clear and updated situation picture concerning the operational area, modus operandi, main trends and possible rapid changes in these aspects;
- consolidate joint measures to achieve an impact on illegal immigration (border checks and border surveillance activities);
- carry out (based on the outcomes of the risk analysis), control along the main routes of illegal immigration on the main routes followed by illegal migrant networks (within the Schengen Area and at the external borders);
- collect and analyze information related also to the so called secondary movement.

## **3. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES**

All Member States and Schengen Associated Countries (SAC) are going to be invited to participate in the operation. Depending on the internal organization in each country, various law enforcement authorities will be involved in the operation, especially border guard authorities.

Member States and Schengen Associated Countries are requested to send the confirmation of their participation to:

- the General Secretariat of the Council (gavriil.kampourolou@consilium.europa.eu) and
- the Italian MoI - Central Directorate for Immigration and Border Police (gruppo.frontiere@interno.it)

indicating, by 5 September 2014, the contact details (email and phone number) of the national coordinator, that will be responsible for the JO “Mos Maiorum”.

#### **4. MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT**

The JO “Mos Maiorum” will be coordinated by the Central Directorate for Immigration and Border Police of the Italian Ministry of Interior, in close cooperation with the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX)

FRONTEX will contribute to the operation by supporting the Italian Authority in providing risk analysis, forwarding information related to secondary movements and data gathered at the external borders.

#### **5. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING PROCEDURES**

In particular, all participating countries, will be asked to collect the following information:

- A) **interception details**: date and time of detection, location and place of interception, means of transportation;
- B) **migrants’ details: migrants’ nationalities, gender and age, point and date of entry in the EU;**
- C) **migrants’ routes**: routes, means of transportation and date before interception followed to arrive in EU; stated routes after interception and migrants’ final destinations;
- D) **modus operandi**: false/falsified travel documents seized, asylum application, indication of smuggling of irregular migrants, facilitators’ nationality and country of residence, money paid for the trip by each migrant;

- E) **observations**: free text for other useful information regarding *modus operandi* or facilitation.

Different forms, with the same information fields, will be provided for “*external borders – red form*” and “*secondary movement - blue form*” (data related to illegal migrants detected inside the territory, on internal flight or trans-border area between Member States, etc.).

Both the reporting templates will be in Excel format and they should be filled for each detected person. However if, in the same incident, there will be a group of people, that provide the same information, it will be possible to fill only one form. Instructions will be provided to explain how to fill the forms and the final report that all participants shall send at the end of the JO.

All the filled forms should be sent daily, by 11.00 AM, by each national coordinator at the following email address: [gruppo.frontiere@interno.it](mailto:gruppo.frontiere@interno.it)

## 6. **FORECAST COSTS**

There is no estimation of the general costs of the operation as each participating country and FRONTEX should cover any financial costs relating to its involvement in this operation.

## 7. **FOLLOW UP**

The report on the final operational results made during the implementation of “*Mos Maiorum*” operation will be presented to Working Party on Frontiers, on the 11 December 2014, and to SCIFA on 12 December 2014.

The operational results will be also sent to all Member States and SACs participants before the mentioned date (11 December 2014).