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UK/Frontex: working arrangement

We considered the full working arrangement (WA) agreed between the Government/Home Office and Frontex alongside the ministerial statement and your Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the WA. We request answers to the following question within one month:

- Could you outline what powers Frontex staff will have in an observational, advisory or coordination capacity in UK operational activities, and how this will differ from executive powers?
- How will you manage personal data transfers?

In addition, could you update the Committee on the following, as agreed between the Home Office and Frontex as part of the WA:

- (a) the overarching cooperation plan and/or any operational plans;
- (b) the potential exchange of classified information; and
- (c) any separate agreement on the UK making financial contributions to compensate Frontex for the implementation of approved activities and the value of those contributions.

We ask that you respond with the relevant information and documents within one month of them being agreed.

I am copying this letter to Lord Ricketts, Chair of the House of Lords European Affairs Committee, and to Jarek Wisniewski, that Committee's Clerk; to the Parliamentary Scrutiny team in your Department; and to Les Saunders in the FCDO.

CHAIR