

MISSION REPORT

Name of staff on mission:	[REDACTED] (SBS)
Place of mission:	Rome, Italy
Dates of the mission:	09/10/2014
Location:	Ministry of the Interior Department of Public Security Central Directorate of Immigration and Border Police Immigration Service
Reason for Mission:	Participation in the technical meeting to discuss on the future JO EPN Triton

Summary:

Main elements discussed and concluded during the meeting on 09 October 2014 involving IT-MT-COM and FX:

- IT as a Host MS will accept all migrants to be disembark in IT;
- As a general rule Operational Area for surface assets will be set up to [REDACTED] and airborne assets will patrol all Operational Area;
- As regards Maltese territorial sea and continuous zone, only Maltese surface assets will be patrolling that area Western Limit - [REDACTED] and Eastern Limit - [REDACTED] unless an emergency situation requires the use of other assets to provide additional or enhanced coverage;
- Italy as Host MS will provide to all the participants information concerning precaution measures to be taken in case of EBOLA indications and/or similar cases;

- [REDACTED]
- As proposed by FX special paragraph will be added to the Ops Plan as regards national obligations and responsibility. Therefore IT has proposed following text: *The provisions laid down in this Operational Plan shall be without prejudice to the rights, obligations and responsibility of the involved Member States arising from International and EU law, as well as to the national positions and interests in relation to any possible international dispute or controversy.*
 - IT has confirm to provide Team Leaders for Debriefing and Screening Teams as well as indicated locations (one location is still to be confirmed);
 - MT will confirm their capacity to Host one debriefing Team in MT;
 - MT agreed to nominate NO to ICC Rome and therefore there is no need establish LCC in MT;
 - MT agreed to consider possibility of hosting some of areal means (depending on technical limitations) in MT;
 - IT will take necessary steps in order to solve problem of abandoned boats at sea used to transport irregular migrants;
 - Frontex deployed surface assets will not be used to transport the migrants to the mainland;
 - Frontex will distribute the draft Ops Plan to IT and MT on Tuesday taking in to account offers of TE and GO from MS;
 - IT informed that they don't see the need to deploy helicopters from MS;
 - Next meeting to be held on Thursday in Order to finalize Ops Plan.

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