

The non-disclosed part contains personal data, in particular the names of individuals. The disclosure would undermine the protection of privacy and the integrity of the individual, in particular in accordance with European Union legislation regarding the protection of personal data and therefore has to be precluded pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 .

The non-disclosed part contains detailed information on the means of communication used by law enforcement officials. The disclosure of this information would put law enforcement officials' work in jeopardy and harm the course of future and ongoing operations aimed at curtailing the activities of organized criminal networks involved in the smuggling and migrants and trafficking in human beings. As the disclosure of such pieces of information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security, it must therefore be refused as laid down in Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 .

The non-disclosed parts refer to details of the operational area and cannot be released. As ongoing operations tend to cover similar operational areas as the operations conducted in preceding years, disclosing details of previous operational areas would be tantamount to disclosing the current state of play. This would provide smuggling and other criminal networks with intelligence, enabling them to change their modus operandi, which would ultimately put the life of migrants in danger. Consequently, the course of ongoing and future operations of similar nature would be hampered by depriving the operations of any strategy and element of surprise, ultimately defeating their purpose to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of documents containing such information would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 .

The non-disclosed part contains detailed information regarding the modus operandi of law enforcement officials performing border control and/or coast guard duties. Disclosing such information would expose the working methods applied in ongoing and future operations, thus obstructing their effectiveness in prevention of cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In consequence, it would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security and thus, cannot be disclosed pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

The non-disclosed parts contain information regarding the technical equipment deployed in the operational area by Frontex and Member States. Disclosing such information would be tantamount to disclosing the exact type and capabilities of the equipment and would enable third parties, e.g. by combining this information with other sources, to draw conclusions regarding usual positions and movement patterns. This would open way for abuse, as numbers and types of equipment used in previous operations are indicative of similar numbers and types for succeeding years. Releasing such information would thus benefit criminal networks, enabling them to change their modus operandi and, consequently, result in hampering the course of ongoing and future operations of a similar nature. This would ultimately obstruct the purpose of such operations: to counter and prevent cross-border crime and unauthorized border crossings. In this light, the disclosure of information regarding the technical equipment deployed would undermine the protection of the public interest as regards public security in the sense of Article 4(1)(a) first indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

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Subject: 2020 08 12 FOC DOR JO POSEIDON and RBI AEGEAN 2020 162

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the FOC DOR JO Poseidon 2020 and RBI AEGEAN 2020 (covered period of incidents from 11 August 2020 - 00:00 to 11 August 2020 - 24:00).

Incidents during the reporting period – JO Poseidon 2020

	Number of incidents	Number of irregular migrants	People smugglers apprehended
Illegal border crossings	1	3	2
Prevention of departure	3	105	-
Irregular migration / Reporting points ¹	1	2	2

¹including readmissions from Italy to Greece

Incidents during the reporting period – RBI Aegean 2020

	Number of incidents	Number of irregular migrants	People smugglers apprehended
Illegal border crossings	1	20	-
Prevention of departure	-	-	-
Irregular migration / Reporting points ¹	-	-	-

¹including readmissions from Italy to Greece

3.1 Incidents during the reporting period – JO Poseidon 2020:

01 illegal border crossing incident occurred in [REDACTED] involving 3 migrants (3TBC) and 2 facilitators (02MDA)

On 11th August [REDACTED] was informed about a sailing yacht which [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Three (03TBC) migrants were detected and apprehended by HCG land patrol at the above mentioned area and two [REDACTED] facilitators were also arrested on board the sailing yacht. [REDACTED]

01 prevention of departure incident occurred in [REDACTED] involving 50 migrants (50UNK)

On 11th August [REDACTED] a rubber boat with approximately fifty (50UNK) migrants onboard was early detected by HCG [REDACTED] at the sea area [REDACTED] inside TTW. After detection JRCC Piraeus informed MRCC Ankara and a TCG boat arrived in the area and took over responsibility of the incident.

01 prevention of departure incident occurred in [REDACTED] involving 45 migrants (45UNK)

On 11th August [REDACTED] a boat with approximately forty-five (45UNK) migrants onboard was early detected by HCG [REDACTED] at the sea area [REDACTED] inside TTW. After detection JRCC Piraeus informed MRCC and at 08:00 LT a TCG boat arrived in the area and took over responsibility of the incident.

01 prevention of departure incident occurred in [REDACTED] involving 10 migrants (10UNK)

On 11th August [REDACTED] a speed boat with approximately ten (10UNK) migrants onboard was early detected by HCG [REDACTED] and HCG [REDACTED] at the sea area [REDACTED] inside TTW. After detection JRCC Piraeus informed MRCC and at 11:05 LT a TCG boat arrived in the area and took over responsibility of the incident.

01 falsification/document fraud occurred in [REDACTED] involving 2 migrant (2TUR) and 2 facilitators (2TUR)

On 11th August [REDACTED] two (2TUR) migrants were apprehended by HCG personnel at [REDACTED]

3.1 Incidents before the reporting period – JO Poseidon 2020:

01 prevention of departure incident occurred in [REDACTED] involving 40 migrants (40UNK)

On 10th August [REDACTED] a rubber boat with approximately forty (40UNK) migrants onboard was detected by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] inside HTW. The information passed to HCG [REDACTED] which headed to the area. Information passed to [REDACTED] also. [REDACTED] HCG [REDACTED] arrived at the area and took over responsibility of the incident. In the view of HCG CPB the rubber boat altered course on its own initiative/will and headed towards TTW. JRCC Piraeus informed MRCC Ankara. [REDACTED] migrant vessel reported in TTW. Eventually [REDACTED] a TCG boat arrived at the area and took over responsibility of the incident.

3.2 Incidents during the reporting period - RBI Aegean 2020:

01 incoming flow incident occurred in [REDACTED] involving 20 migrants (20TBC)

On 11th August [REDACTED] a white yacht was detected by HCG [REDACTED] at the maritime area [REDACTED] moving suspiciously near the coast without navigational lights. After detection the handler/facilitator refused to comply and attempted to ram HCG vessel. Shots were fired in safe areas, in accordance with the rules of engagement in order to immobilize the suspicious vessel. Following a pursuit the suspicious vessel headed to the TUR coasts and entered Turkish territorial waters while being accompanied by two Turkish coast guards vessels, which had arrived in the area. Following a coastal search twenty (20TBC) migrants were detected and apprehended by HCG personnel. [REDACTED] monitored the incident.

3.4 Incidents before the reporting period – RBI Aegean 2020:

None.

The brief outcome of JCB meeting JO Poseidon 2020 and RBI AEGEAN 2020:

[REDACTED]

– D/ICC informed that there are new updates on COVID-19 preventive measures and asked all the present personnel to comply with;

[REDACTED]

Information regarding the cooperation between FX and NATO Activity Aegean Sea Operation:

Reporting Period 11.08.2020 (12:00 LT) – 12.08.2020 (12:00 LT).

There was no information received regarding the reporting period.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

With the support of:

[REDACTED]

