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Dear 

Very recently, I received letters from three different NGOs (Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Human Rights Watch and Médecins sans frontières) containing allegations of fundamental rights breaches at Hungary's southern border. Those allegations raise concern for the reputation of the Agency and for the responsibility of the European Border and Coast Guard to guarantee fundamental rights in the course of its operations.

Following your letter of 05.08.2016, the Agency and the Fundamental Rights Officer of the Agency have intensified their monitoring of the operational area where its border surveillance activities are taking place. Nevertheless, the Agency has not received reports that sustain the allegations of these NGOs, maybe because these allegations concern different areas or different times.

Further to the three letters we just received, I would particularly appreciate to receive the official outcome of the technical mission you conducted in the area on 18-19 October 2016, in order for the Agency to assess the level of respect of fundamental rights in this activity.

Yours sincerely,


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