

Fernando Grande-Marlaska
Minister of Interior
Spain

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Dear Minister Grande-Marlaska,

I would like to warmly thank you for meeting me during my visit to Spain last week, which, I hope was advantageous for both sides.

I particularly would like to express my gratitude for your willingness to further enhance our cooperation and work together at EU level, including in the external dimension, exploring adequate solutions for the requested support to our African partners in our common efforts to manage migratory flows.

Allow me to also express my appreciation for your interest to further develop other areas of cooperation, namely within EMPACT, cross border crime prevention, and deterrence actions.

The Spanish Ministry of Interior and the two institutions that you oversee are valued partners for Frontex. I would like to assure you that I shall remain fully committed to continue this close cooperation for the benefit of both Spain, as well as the European Union as a whole.

Let me also take the opportunity to say that Frontex has been closely monitoring and analysing the developments in Ceuta. Considering the increasing migratory pressure towards Spain, I would like to offer the Agency's availability to support the Spanish authorities in this challenging situation.

In the spirit of the European Border and Coast Guard, the Agency stands ready to open discussions with the competent national authorities to identify operational needs and possibilities for additional support. This could be done, for example, by re-enforcing Joint Operations Indalo, which is currently ongoing, and Minerva, which is planned to commence in the coming weeks, thus possibly enabling internal redeployments within Spain.

I would also invite you to consider any other technical and operational support the Agency offers in its Catalogue of Services, should it be of benefit for your national efforts in countering this emerging phenomenon.

My services are available to discuss further details at operational level via already established channels.

I very much look forward to continuing our close cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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