

## **Memorandum**

**between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, which represent the Visegrad Group, concerning the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Stability and Addressing Root Causes of Irregular Migration and Displaced Persons in Africa**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The countries of Visegrad Group (V4 Group) have pooled their contributions to the "European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Stability and Addressing Root Causes of Irregular Migration and Displaced Persons in Africa" (EUTF) to reach an amount necessary to make the V4 Group eligible to one vote on the EUTF Trust Fund Board and Operational Committee.
2. The countries of the V4 Group will work together within the framework of the EUTF in order to address the crises in the regions Sahel and the Lake Chad, the Horn of Africa, and the North of Africa.
3. The countries of the V4 Group aim to help foster stability in the above-mentioned regions to respond to the challenges of irregular migration and displacement and to contribute to better migration management. Furthermore, the countries of the V4 Group will help address the root causes of destabilization, displacement and irregular migration, by promoting economic and equal opportunities, security and development.

### **PRIORITY AREA**

4. The countries of the V4 Group have chosen the Horn of Africa, Window B of the EUTF, as their priority regional operational window.
5. The countries of the V4 Group will allocate their contributions to the EUTF, to the priority Window B, and make their own arrangements with the Commission for the allocation of their contributions to this priority window.

### **VOTING PROCEDURES**

6. The V4 Group's vote on the EUTF Trust Fund Board and Operational Committee will be shared among the countries of the V4 Group.
7. Voting on behalf of the V4 Group on the EUTF Trust Fund Board and Operational Committee will be entrusted to the country holding the rotating presidency of V4 Group, while the other countries of the V4 Group will retain their observer status.
8. The country holding the rotating presidency of the V4 Group will represent the other countries of the V4 Group at all meetings of the EUTF Trust Fund Board and Operational Committee.
9. The countries of the V4 Group will harmonize their positions via emails prior to the meetings of the EUTF Trust Fund Board and Operational Committee. The common position will be established at least 1 working day before the meeting. Silence procedure will be applied. The country holding the rotating presidency of the V4 Group will coordinate this harmonization and establishing the common position.
10. If the consensus is not reached among the countries of the V4 Group, the decision will be taken by a simple majority where each country of the V4 Group having one vote. In the event of a split vote, weighted voting system will be applied and the votes will be weighted by the amount of the contribution of each country of the V4 Group. One vote

is equal to 100 000 EUR.

## **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

11. The countries of the V4 Group will provide each other with copies of their contribution certificates.
12. The countries of the V4 Group will share information about their activities in the framework of the EUTF.

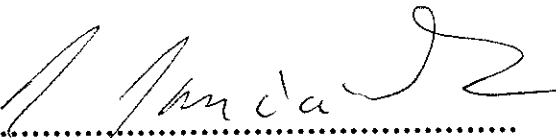
## **FURTHER COOPERATION**

13. The countries of the V4 Group expressed their readiness to cooperate in a wider scope within the EUTF, such as during formulation or implementation of the projects.

## **STATUS OF THIS MEMORANDUM**

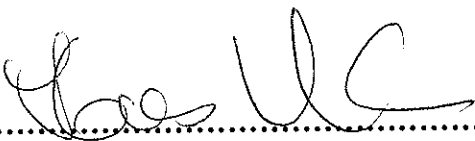
14. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic acknowledge that this Memorandum is not legally binding.

Signed in Prague on April 6, 2016



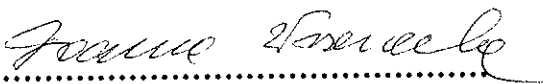
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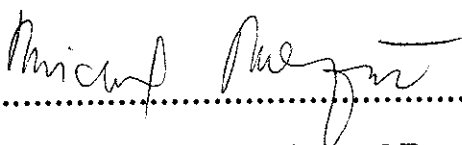
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**For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary**



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**For the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic**