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Dear Mr Oel,

Thank you for consulting the Agency on the sub-question 3 of a written question P-2499/2022 *“Decision on the expansion of intrusive personal data processing by Frontex and Europol”* submitted by MEP Sophia in ‘t Veld to the Commission:

- ***“Were Parliament’s Frontex Scrutiny Working Group and the Europol Joint Parliamentary Working Group informed? If not, why not?”***.

Referring to the above question, I would like to start with caveat that the below reply exclusively concerns the Frontex Scrutiny Working Group (FSWG) and not the Europol Joint Parliamentary Working Group (as it is the former Working Group which concerns Frontex directly).

Please be informed that the Agency has not exchanged information with the Parliament’s Frontex Scrutiny Working Group on this topic given that the preparation and adoption of the Agency’s internal rules in December 2021 and January 2022 aiming at implementing provisions of the Frontex Regulation were not within the scope of the Parliament’s FSWG inquiry. Moreover, none of the questions and requests issued by the FSWG were addressing such internal work and outcomes. However, as requested in May 2022 by the FSWG, the Agency is currently in the process to establish a regular document and information flow between the Agency and the Parliament’s Frontex Scrutiny Working Group.

In addition, please be informed that Frontex’s Data Protection Officer is currently working on the revision of the data protection framework based on the opinion of the European Data Protection Supervisor.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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