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NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS

The purpose of the agreement is to amend the bilateral Arrangements between the Union on the one part, and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, respectively, on the other part to adjust the scope of their participation in the European Union Agency for Asylum.

2. OBJECTIVE

Conclusion of the amended bilateral Arrangements between the European Union, on the one part, and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, respectively, on the other part, as regards the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Union Agency for Asylum.

3. CONTENT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS

The amended bilateral Arrangements should clarify the following:

- (1) The participation of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein in the activities of the Agency as foreseen in Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum. In this context, the main purpose should be that the associated countries participate fully in the activities that can be considered relevant for them.
- (2) The financial contribution of Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the budget of the Agency. The formula to calculate the contribution of the associated countries to the revenue of the Agency should remain unchanged as compared to Annex I of the current arrangements.

- (3) Updated references following the replacement of Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 with Regulation (EU) No 2021/2303. In addition, provisions on protection and confidentiality of data will be updated to take account of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

4. ENTRY INTO FORCE, VALIDITY AND TERMINATION OF THE ARRANGEMENT

The provisions related to the entry into force, validity and termination as set out in the current arrangements would not require substantive changes.

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