

COMMISSION DECISION
of 22 July 2008
on the appointment of members of the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings
(2008/604/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Decision 2007/675/EC of 17 October 2007 setting up the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The group of experts should be composed of 21 members.
- (2) The members of the group of experts should be appointed from specialists with expertise and experience in the fight against trafficking in human beings, including its labour dimension.
- (3) Up to 11 members taken from administrations of the Member States should be appointed by the Commission on the proposal of Member States.
- (4) Up to 5 members taken from inter-governmental, international and non-governmental organisations active at European level, up to 4 members taken from social partners and employers' associations operating at European level, and up to 2 members taken from individuals with experience deriving from academic research should be appointed by the Commission from among those who have responded to the call for applications.
- (5) The Commission published a call for applications with a view to listing candidates to make up the group of experts on 19 January 2008 ⁽²⁾.
- (6) The Commission has conducted a selection procedure on the applications received. When assessing applications, the Commission has taken into account the criteria listed in the call for applications, and in particular under point 2 thereof.
- (7) It is advisable that the group of experts should include four additional members taken from inter-governmental,

international and non-governmental organisations active at European level, to compensate for the lack of applications received from social partners and employers' associations operating at European level, so as to ensure a balanced topical and geographical representation and to make up the total of 21 members originally envisaged.

- (8) One member of the group has been appointed by Europol,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2007/675/EC is amended as follows:

Article 3, paragraph 2 letter (b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) inter-governmental, international and non-governmental organisations active at European level with well documented expertise and experience in the area of trafficking in human beings (up to 9 members).'

Article 2

The Commission appoints the following members of the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings:

1. Members appointed pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2, letter (a) of Commission Decision 2007/675/EC:

Mr Jan AUSTAD

Mr Sandi ČURIN

Ms Rita THEODOROU SUPERMAN

Mr Luís GOUVEIA

Ms Jelena KAMINSKA

Mr Glynn RANKIN

Ms Bärbel Heide UHL

Mr Floris VAN DIJK

Ms Kajsa WAHLBERG

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 277, 20.10.2007, p. 29.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 14, 19.1.2008, p. 27.

2. Members appointed pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2, letter (b), of Commission Decision 2007/675/EC, as amended by the present Decision:

Ms Antonia BALKANSKA LAVINE

Ms Stana BUCHOWSKA

Mr Marco BUFO

Ms Muireann O BRIAIN

Mr Martijn PLUIM

Ms Evelyn PROBST

Ms Klara SKRIVANKOVA

Ms Patsy SÖRENSEN

Ms Liliana SORRENTINO

3. Members appointed pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2, letter (e), of Commission Decision 2007/675/EC:

Mr Ryszard PIOTROWICZ

Ms Georgina VAZ CABRAL

Article 3

The Commission takes note of the appointment of Mr Steve HARVEY by Europol as member of the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human beings pursuant to Article 3 paragraph 2, letter (d) and paragraph 3 of Commission Decision 2007/675/EC.

Article 4

Members of the Group of Experts are appointed in a personal capacity for a 3-year renewable period.

Article 5

Following the selection procedure, applicants deemed suitable candidates for membership in the group, but who are not appointed to be members of the Group of Experts shall be placed on a reserve list with their consent.

Article 6

The names of members appointed shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 7

The decision shall take effect on the day after its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2008.

For the Commission

Jacques BARROT

Vice-President
