ENE-005471/2020Answer given by Ms Johanssonon behalf of the European Commission
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The Management Board of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) adopted on 10 November 2020 a decision on middle management staff[[1]](#footnote-1) and endorsed the vacancy notice for the Fundamental Rights Officer. This decision allows for the launching of the selection procedure. The procedure for the recruitment of the deputy Fundamental Rights Officer will be initiated by the Fundamental Rights Officer once he or she will have been appointed.

During the long-term absence of the previous Fundamental Rights Officer, it was for her staff, including the so-called associated Fundamental Rights Officer, to exercise the duties assigned by Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 on the European Border and Coast Guard[[2]](#footnote-2), with the exception of those duties requiring the exercise of powers as an appointing authority. A Fundamental Rights Officer *ad interim* has been temporarily assigned to the post by the Management Board of Frontex on 23 September 2020. The Fundamental Rights Officer *ad interim* should publish the vacancy notices as soon as possible and start the recruitment process.

The Commission has requested Frontex to provide the elements of the reply to points 2 and 3 of the Honourable Member’s question, and will transmit the Agency’s reply to the Honourable Member as soon as possible.

1. Management Board Decision No 34/2020 of 10 November 2020 on middle management staff: <https://frontex.europa.eu/assets/Key_Documents/MB_Decision/2020/MB_Decision_34_2020_on_middle_management.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. OJ L 295 of 14.11.2019 p. 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)