

Lisbon, 23 June 2021

DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD PROVIDING A POSITIVE OPINION AND APPROVING THE EMSA FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY,

Having regard to the European Parliament and Council Regulation 1406/2002, of 27 June 2002, as amended, establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (hereafter EMSA or the Agency);

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 911/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on multiannual funding for the action of the European Maritime Safety Agency in the field of response to marine pollution caused by ships and oil and gas installations;

Having regard to the Financial Regulation of the Agency adopted by the Administrative Board on 25 July 2019 and in particular Article 102 thereof;

- (1) Whereas the Agency's provisional accounts were submitted to the Commission on 26 February 2021;
- (2) Whereas the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors with a view to a report on the annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2020 received on 31 May 2021 state that:
 - a) "The accounts of the Agency for the year ended 31 December 2020 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency at 31 December 2020, the results of its operations, its cash flows, and the changes in net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with its Financial Regulation and with accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer. These are based on internationally accepted accounting standards for the public sector."
 - b) "The revenue underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 are legal and regular in all material respects."
 - c) "The payments underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 are legal and regular in all material respects."

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Administrative Board hereby provides a positive opinion and approves the EMSA final accounts for 2020 taking into consideration the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors.

Article 2

The accounts 2020 are only formally approved by the Board once the formal approval of the Court of Auditors becomes available in early autumn.

Done at Lisbon on 23 June 2021,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Nordseth', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andreas Nordseth
Chairman of the Administrative Board