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**Follow-up report
on Aqaba branch office
(antenna for Eastern Mediterranean)¹**

Provisional report

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 THE FOLLOW-UP

In report 17² we referred to the audit on the antenna for Eastern Mediterranean (Aqaba branch office), while some new aspects were checked during the 2014 follow-up. The other follow-ups have been conducted on desk based document checks. The Antenna recovery procedure has been covered by a specific audit, whose follow-up will be conducted next year as usual.

1.2 STRUCTURE OF THE FOLLOW-UP REPORT

For each issue highlighted in last follow-up report on the antenna for the Eastern Mediterranean (report U-58f) we repeat recommendations expressed there and refer about any further follow-up given to them. After the description of the actions taken and their results, we assess their effectiveness with respect to the solutions of the first issue. In case this is not solved or is only partially solved, we repeat or adequate the recommendation and fix a new term for the implementation as well.

Remaining issues cannot always be solved, chiefly if they regard concluded actions. In this case we express recommendations for similar situations that could happen again in the future, being aware that issues cannot be solved ordinarily.

Issues maintain the same number they were given in the first report. Since only issues remaining after last follow-up are discussed in this report, their numbering is not continuous.

2. ISSUES DETECTED ON THE ACTIVITY

2.1 ISSUE N. 3 – MANUAL OF PROCEDURES

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The JOP foresees³ a manual, approved by the JMC, about communication procedures between antennas, JMA and JTS and about their functioning. This manual has not yet been made.

FOLLOW-UP 2017 ON 3

The issue has not been faced. Relations between the antenna and the JMA seem to be working without particular problems; however the manual is a useful management instrument.

NEW RECOMMENDATION

The same action previously recommended.

3. ISSUES DETECTED ON THE PROCEDURES

3.1 ISSUE N. 6 – CRITERIA OF CHOICE NOT ALWAYS CLEARLY VISIBLE.

² Provisional report dated 22 December 2011, while the final one is dated 16 April 2012.

³ JOP, p. 80 of the English version.

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Criteria of assessment had not always been made clear to potential tenderers prior to the offers, but the issue has been solved afterwards. The only remaining issue was the respect of PRAG provision (2.8.1.): the evaluation committee must be composed of a non-voting chairperson and a non-voting secretary.

FOLLOW-UP 2016 ON 6

No new procedures were conducted, therefore we could not test the respect of the recommendation.

NEW RECOMMENDATION

The same action previously recommended.

- According to PRAG (2.8.1.) the evaluation committee must be composed of a non-voting chairperson and a non-voting secretary.

The auditor
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4. ACRONYMS

CBC	<i>Cross-border cooperation</i>
ENPI	<i>European instrument of partnership and neighbourhood</i>
JMA	<i>Joint managing authority</i>
JMC	<i>Joint monitoring committee</i>
JOP	<i>Joint operational programme</i>
JTS	<i>Joint technical secretariat</i>
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PraG or PRAG	<i>Practical guide for EC external actions, after 2008 Practical guide for EU external actions</i>