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Ms. Piret Lilleväli  
Ministry of the Interior  
Pikk 61  
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Estonia

Helsinki, 21 April 2021

**Re: Grant Agreement No. AMIF2020-16 for the Project “Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Program from Estonia VARRE” Agreement (the “Agreement”).**

Dear Ms. Lillemägi,

Please find enclosed the signed Grant Agreement and its annexes between the Ministry of the Interior and the International Organization for Migration (“IOM”) for the implementation of the Project No AMIF 2020-16 “Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Program from Estonia VARRE” within the nationally administered Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

IOM notes that the Grant Agreement includes provisions that do not correspond with IOM’s nature as an intergovernmental organization and the privileges and immunities it enjoys as such. IOM wishes to reiterate that its agreement to the Grant Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by IOM as an intergovernmental organization.

As agreed by the Ministry of Interior, the Grant Agreement is concluded within the framework of and in accordance with the privileges and immunities accorded to IOM by virtue of the Cooperation Agreement between the International Organization for Migration and the Government of the Republic of Estonia signed on 23 October 2001. The said agreement accords for IOM the same privileges and immunities as those granted to specialized agencies of the United Nations by virtue of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies of 21 November 1947.

In the performance of the Activities under the Project, IOM shall comply with its regulations, rules, directives, policies and procedures, including its financial and procurement rules and policies. The Contribution shall be subject exclusively to the internal and external auditing procedures provided for in the financial regulations, rules, directives, policies and procedures of IOM. Following receipt of prior written notification and subject to IOM’s privileges and immunities, IOM shall allow authorized representatives of the Donor to visit the office of the IOM premises and to review a limited number of financial documents relevant for the implementation of this Project during working hours.

IOM shall comply with the IOM Data Protection Principles in the event that it collects, receives, uses, transfers or stores any personal data in the performance of this Agreement.

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The signature of this Agreement shall not set a precedent for subsequent agreements to be signed between the Ministry of Interior, including agreements involving AMIF funds. IOM welcomes discussions aiming at adjusting future agreements to ensure full respect of IOM's privileges and immunities.

IOM trusts that nothing in the Agreement and this letter affects the privileges and immunities enjoyed by IOM as an intergovernmental organization which have been agreed in the Cooperation Agreement between the International Organization for Migration and the Government of the Republic of Estonia dated 23 October 2001.

IOM welcomes the continued trust and support extended by the Republic of Estonia and avails itself of the opportunity to renew its assurances of highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Simo Kohonen  
Sub-Regional Coordinator for  
Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Estonia