

**DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD PROVIDING A POSITIVE OPINION
AND APPROVING THE EMSA FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2023**

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 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 1 March 2024;
- (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 2023 received on 24 May 2024 state that:
 - a) "EMSA's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 present fairly, in all material respects, EMSA's financial position at 31 December 2023, 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 2023 are legal and regular in all material respects."
 - c) "The payments underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 are legal and regular in all material respects."

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

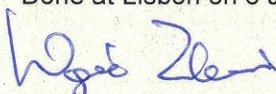
Article 1

The Administrative Board hereby provides a positive opinion and approves the EMSA final accounts for 2023 taking into consideration the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors.

Article 2

The accounts 2023 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 6 June 2024,

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

Wojciech Zdanowicz

Chairman of the Administrative Board