

**DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD PROVIDING A POSITIVE OPINION
AND APPROVING THE EMSA FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2019**

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 have been submitted to the Commission on 27 February 2020;
- (2) Whereas the preliminary observation 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 2019 received on 20 May 2020 state that:
 - a) "The accounts of the Agency for the year ended 31 December 2019 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Agency at 31 December 2019, 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) "Revenue and payments underlying the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 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 2019 taking into consideration the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors.

Article 2

The accounts 2019 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 18 June 2020,



Andreas Nordseth
Chairman of the Administrative Board