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Annex 1: Indicators as per Article 25a (2) of the Visa Code

The data and qualitative information were collected based on the indicators laid out in Article 25a (2) of the Visa Code:

- (a) the number of return decisions issued to persons from the third country in question, illegally staying on the territory of the Member States;
- (b) the number of actual forced returns of persons issued with return decisions as a percentage of the number of return decisions issued to nationals of the third country in question including, where appropriate, on the basis of Union or bilateral readmission agreements, the number of third country nationals who have transited through the territory of the third country in question;
- (c) the number of readmission requests per Member State accepted by the third country as a percentage of the number of such requests submitted to it;
- (d) the level of practical cooperation with regard to return in the different stages of the return procedure, such as:
 - (i) assistance provided in the identification of persons illegally staying on the territory of the Member States and in the timely issuance of travel documents;
 - (ii) acceptance of the European travel document for the return of illegally staying third country nationals or laissez-passer;
 - (iii) acceptance of the readmission of persons who are to be legally returned to their country;
 - (iv) acceptance of return flights and operations.

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Annex 2: Irregular border crossings, asylum recognition rate and visa refusal rate (ordered by irregular border crossings in 2022)¹

Third Country	Irregular border crossings (source: Frontex)			Asylum recognition rate 2022 (source: Eurostat)	Visa refusal rate 2022 ²
	2022	Jan-April 2023	2015-2021		
Tunisia	25 260	3 235	46 690	2%	30%
Egypt	21 966	4 526	21 777	6%	18%
Bangladesh	17 535	3 837	50 691	4%	38%
Morocco	14 764	3 433	86 675	5%	29%
Pakistan	12 764	4 684	86 551	9%	41%
Türkiye	12 087	2 020	29 520	38%	14%
Algeria	9 421	1 351	54 018	8%	47%
Côte d'Ivoire	7 178	7 787	45 618	25%	32%
India	7 172	229	2 635	1%	15%
Guinea	6 495	6 486	52 706	30%	46%
Iraq	5 181	742	170 811	30%	38%
Nigeria	4 798	1 028	85 458	12%	40%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3 989	809	8 896	26%	33%
Somalia	3 620	712	39 708	57%	40%
Iran	3 350	226	44 660	42%	25%
Cameroon	3 300	2 416	20 097	24%	32%
Sudan	2 201	830	33 875	47%	33%
Mali	1 945	1 767	39 674	65%	47%
The Gambia	1 336	1 342	34 339	10%	57%
Senegal	1 304	1 163	26 890	10%	46%
Ethiopia	594	186	8 223	47%	30%
Congo	536	283	7 971	15%	34%
Ghana	428	120	16 995	6%	39%
Kosovo*	340	75	26 608	7%	11%
Nepal	152	232	924	2%	44%
Russia	113	48	901	30%	9%
China	89	103	353	60%	5%
Sri Lanka	65	69	1 373	18%	32%
Armenia	32	15	108	4%	14%

¹ The number of asylum decisions granting Geneva Convention or subsidiary protection status at first instance, divided by the total number of first instance asylum decisions.

² The visa refusal rate covers Member States applying the Schengen *acquis* and Schengen Associated Countries.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

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Vietnam	29	1	1 858	1%	8%
Uzbekistan	21	3	92	6%	19%
Azerbaijan	10	14	75	12%	9%
Cabo Verde	0	0	4	0%	26%