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Subject : Amended proposal for a Council Directive on minimum standards on procedures
in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status
- Minimum common list of safe countries of origin

Delegations will find attached the reply from the **Estonian** delegation.

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	BENIN

	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	No	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm	
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<p>3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (1 June 2001) Benin: Report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or Female Genital Cutting(FGC) http://www.state.gov/g/wi/rls/rep/crfgm/10046pf.htm</p> <p>Summary record of the CAT meeting re: Benin. 21/11/2001. http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/86fccf0fb9823123c1256b13005aad_b5?Opendocument</p>	
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<p>4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (1 June 2001) Benin: Report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or Female Genital Cutting(FGC) http://www.state.gov/g/wi/rls/rep/crfgm/10046pf.htm</p> <p>Summary record of the CAT meeting re: Benin. 21/11/2001. http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/86fccf0fb9823123c1256b13005aad_b5?Opendocument</p>	
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<p>5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm</p>	
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6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?			
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm

(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	No	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm	

OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
1. Do you consider that the information sources listed at Annex B are sufficient for the purpose of conducting the in-depth assessment referred to by the JHA Council with regard to this country?	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm
2. If you answered no to Q 1 please specify: in which areas you consider the information sources to be insufficient; and any other sources of information available to you which would assist discussions and which you are in a position to share with other Member States (Provide website address or other details).	-	

3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	No	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Benin http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27712pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (1 June 2001) Benin: Report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or Female Genital Cutting(FGC) http://www.state.gov/g/wi/rls/rep/cr/fgm/10046pf.htm</p> <p>Summary record of the CAT meeting re: Benin. 21/11/2001. http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/86fccf0fb9823123c1256b13005aadb5?Opendocument</p>

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	BOTSWANA

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	No	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	
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3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	-	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?			
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm

(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm	

OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
1. Do you consider that the information sources listed at Annex B are sufficient for the purpose of conducting the in-depth assessment referred to by the JHA Council with regard to this country?	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm
2. If you answered no to Q 1 please specify: in which areas you consider the information sources to be insufficient; and any other sources of information available to you which would assist discussions and which you are in a position to share with other Member States (Provide website address or other details).	-	

3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	Yes	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Botswana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004 <u>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27713.htm</u>

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	CAPE VERDE

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm	

<p>2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>	
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<p>3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>	
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<p>4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>	
<p>5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p>	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?				
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	Yes	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>	

(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	Yes	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>	
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(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	Yes	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde</p> <p>http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	Yes		

OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
1. Do you consider that the information sources listed at Annex B are sufficient for the purpose of conducting the in-depth assessment referred to by the JHA Council with regard to this country?	Yes	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>
2. If you answered no to Q 1 please specify: in which areas you consider the information sources to be insufficient; and any other sources of information available to you which would assist discussions and which you are in a position to share with other Member States (Provide website address or other details).	-	

3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	Yes	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27717pf.htm</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Cape Verde http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2003/23694pf.htm</p>

4. Assessment template

To be completed by Member States in respect of each of the 10 countries under consideration and returned to the Council Secretariat by 8 June 2004

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	CHILE

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	No	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003	
3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	No	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?			
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003
(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003

(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	Yes	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country Report on Human Rights Practices - 2003	
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OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
1. Do you consider that the information sources listed at Annex B are sufficient for the purpose of conducting the in-depth assessment referred to by the JHA Council with regard to this country?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	Yes	All sources which are listed at Annex B
2. If you answered no to Q 1 please specify: in which areas you consider the information sources to be insufficient; and any other sources of information available to you which would assist discussions and which you are in a position to share with other Member States (Provide website address or other details).		
3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
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ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	COSTA-RICA

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.1. Released February 25, 2004	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
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3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.2. Released February 25, 2004	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.3. Released February 25, 2004	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.4. Released February 25, 2004	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?				
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.5. Released February 25, 2004	
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	YES	Concluding observations of the Committee against Torture: Costa Rica. 17/05/2001. State Party report on ICCPR: Costa Rica. 02/10/98	

(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.6. Released February 25, 2004	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003 1.1.7. Released February 25, 2004	

OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
1. Do you consider that the information sources listed at Annex B are sufficient for the purpose of conducting the in-depth assessment referred to by the JHA Council with regard to this country?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	YES	
2. If you answered no to Q 1 please specify: in which areas you consider the information sources to be insufficient; and any other sources of information available to you which would assist discussions and which you are in a position to share with other Member States (Provide website address or other details).		
3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	YES	

COSTA RICA

US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Costa Rica - 2003

1.1.8. Released February 25, 2004

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2003/27892.htm>

Initial report of States party to Committee Against Torture: Costa Rica. 13/11/2000

[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/898586b1dc7b4043c1256a450044f331/e22c33ac22449477c1256a45004ea882/\\$FILE/G0045701.pdf](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/898586b1dc7b4043c1256a450044f331/e22c33ac22449477c1256a45004ea882/$FILE/G0045701.pdf)

Concluding observations of the Committee against Torture: Costa Rica. 17/05/2001.

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State Party report on ICCPR: Costa Rica. 02/10/98

[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/ae4c24bc77d1f3d380256713004121ba?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/ae4c24bc77d1f3d380256713004121ba?Opendocument)

Concluding observations of the Human Rights Committee: Costa Rica. 08/04/99.

[http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/\(Symbol\)/44e92dc0cc07d87e80256763004d7900?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/(Symbol)/44e92dc0cc07d87e80256763004d7900?Opendocument)

ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	GHANA

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
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3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?			
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004

(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
1. Do you consider that the information sources listed at Annex B are sufficient for the purpose of conducting the in-depth assessment referred to by the JHA Council with regard to this country?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	YES	
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3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	NO	

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US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Ghana - 2003

Released February 25, 2004

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Basler Zeitung Online

<http://www.baz.ch/humanrights>

ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	MALI

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	YES	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Mali	
2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	YES	State Party report on ICCPR: Mali. 13/01/2003	

3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	YES	State Party report on ICCPR: Mali. 13/01/2003	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	NO	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country reports on Human Rights Practice 2003-Mali; US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report-Mali	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	NO	State Party report on ICCPR: Mali. 13/01/2003	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?				
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	YES	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Mali; US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Mali	
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	NO	US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Mali; US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Mali	

(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	NO	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Mali;</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Mali</p>	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	NO	<p>US Dept of State (25 February 2004) Country reports on Human Rights Practice 2003- Mali;</p> <p>US Dept of State (18 December 2003) International Religious Freedom Report- Mali</p>	

OVERALL ASSESSMENT		
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2. If you answered no to Q 1 please specify: in which areas you consider the information sources to be insufficient; and any other sources of information available to you which would assist discussions and which you are in a position to share with other Member States (Provide website address or other details).		
3. Is the country suitable for inclusion on the minimum common list?	YES/NO	Insert basis for response
	NO	

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ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	MAURITIUS

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
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3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	YES	Concluding Observations of the Committee against Torture: Mauritius. 05/05/99	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	YES	Concluding Observations of the Committee against Torture: Mauritius. 05/05/99	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?				
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Mauritius - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

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	YES	

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ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	SENEGAL

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	NO	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
5. Where there is a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country is there generally and consistently no threat by reason of indiscriminate violence in the country?	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

6. Is the extent to which protection is provided against persecution or mistreatment by means of (a) – (d) below sufficient to show that there is generally and consistently no persecution or mistreatment in the country?				
(a)	the relevant laws and regulations of the country and the manner in which they are applied	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
(b)	observance of the rights and freedoms laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and/or the International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights and/or the Convention against Torture, in particular the rights from which derogation cannot be made under Article 15(2) of the said European Convention	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	YES	US Dept. of State Country Report on Human Rights Practices - Senegal - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
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ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Name of Member State	ESTONIA
Name of country for designation	URUGUAY

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
1. Does the country have a democratic system in place?	YES	US Dept of State - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices - Uruguay - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	NO	US Dept of State - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices - Uruguay - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	YES	US Dept of State - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices - Uruguay - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	YES	US Dept of State - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices - Uruguay - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
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(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	YES	US Dept of State - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices - Uruguay - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	YES	US Dept of State - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices - Uruguay - 2003 Released February 25, 2004	

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