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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 **Swedish** delegation.

Assessment template

Name of Member State	SWEDEN
Name of country for designation	Benin

QUESTIONS	YES/NO	BASIS FOR RESPONSE	Details of supporting information sources other than those at Annex B. Please indicate if these are publicly available
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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?	Y	
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