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No. Cion prop. : 10279/02 ASILE 33 + REV 1 (de, en, fr) - COM(2002) 326 final/2

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

Pages 31 to 34, concerning Mauritius, should be replaced by the following pages due to new data received from the **Czech** delegation.

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	Czech Republic
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	Basic political institutions and processes can be regarded democratic	Freedom House – Freedom in the World, 17 July 2003
2. Is there a situation of internal or international armed conflict in the country?	NO		

3. Is there generally and consistently no persecution as defined in Article 9 of the Qualification Directive in the country?	NO There is not any persecution	Reservation: - There is a certain degree of violence and societal discrimination against women, however law criminalizes these acts and provides the judicial system with greater powers to combat this problem and women had access to education, employment, and government services.	
4. Is there generally and consistently no torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country?	NO There is not any inhuman treatment.	- See reservation in answer No 4	
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	There is no internal or international armed conflict in the country.	
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	- Societal discrimination and spouse violence against women as the biggest problem is address by the law and combated against by the government.

(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	- See answer 6 (a)	
(c)	respect of the non-refoulement principle according to the Geneva Convention	YES		
(d)	provision for a system of effective remedies against violations of these rights and freedoms	YES	See answer 6 (a)	

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
	-	Due to some questions related to Mauritius as a potential safe country of origin remaining to be discussed on the national level the Czech Republic needs more time to be able to formulate a common position on this country.
