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Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Implementation of the Global Approach

The **Commission representative** presented the state of play of dialogues and processes under the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility, on which the Group had an exchange of views.

In the framework of this item, specific information was provided on the following subjects:
Information in writing and presentation on the following items:

- a) By the **Chair** and the **Commission representative**, on the EU-LAC VI High Level Meeting, held on 24 May 2012 in Brussels.
- b) By **PL**, on new developments in relation to the Prague process.

- c) By the **Commission representative**, on the meeting of the Panel on Migration and Asylum in the framework of the Eastern Partnership, held on 3-4 May in Tbilisi.
- d) **ES** provided information on the preparation of the SOM meeting of the Rabat process, which took place on 6 June in Madrid.

2. **India and China**

The **Group** continued the exchange of views on the development of a dialogue on migration with India and China.

3. **Information on the Budapest process**

Representatives of the Turkish Migration Department (Head of Department Berlan Pars Alan) and of **ICMPD** (Director of Eastern Dimension Martijn Pluim) made presentations on the Budapest Process and the Silk Routes Region Working Group.

In the framework of the exchange of views which followed the presentations the importance of the Silk Routes Region Working Group and of reinforcing its activities was underlined by **various delegations**.

In this context **CR** provided information on the meeting of the Budapest Process Working Group on the South East European Region, which focused on mixed migration flows, held on 25-26 April in Zagreb.

4. **Situation in the Southern Mediterranean countries**

The **Chair** and the **Commission representative** provided information on the state of play of the dialogue on migration, mobility and security with Morocco and Tunisia.

The **Group** had an exchange of views on next steps.

5. ACP-EU Dialogue on migration

The **Commission representative** provided information on the outcome of the experts' meeting on readmission held on 24 April 2012, as well as on the state of play of the preparations for the ACP-EU Council of Ministers meeting in Vanuatu on 11-15 June 2012, including on the way forward for the ACP-EU dialogue on migration.

7. Strategic discussions and prioritisation in relation to the development and implementation of the Global Approach

Based on the draft Council Conclusions on GAMM, which were finally approved by the General Affairs Council at its meeting on 29 May 2012, the **Group** had a first exchange of views on some suggestions, submitted by the Presidency, for future strategic discussions and prioritisation.

The **Chair**, which indicated that this issue will be further addressed at the next HLWG meeting of the Group, invited delegations to submit possible written comments by 8 June 2012.

6. GAMM instruments

The Group pursued the discussion on the purpose, content and application of the specific tools (namely Migration Missions, Mobility Partnerships and Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility -CAMM -) that aim at implementing the renewed Global Approach.

In the context of this item the **Group** had also an exchange of views on new guidelines to be established for the preparation and organisation of Migration Missions, as well as for their follow-up, on the basis of some suggestions submitted by the Presidency. In relation to this issue the Chair invited delegations to submit possible written comments by 8 June 2012.

8. AOB

SE provided information in relation to some subjects which are currently negotiated in the framework of the Rio + 20 and which address migration issues.

GAMM UPDATE

21 May 2012

This document provides an updated overview of the main external migration dialogue processes implemented in the framework of the EU Global Approach. The document is compiled for the information of the EU High Level Working Group on Migration and Asylum by the responsible European Commission services, in association with the EEAS.

Part 1 – The Regional Processes**(A) THE PRAGUE PROCESS**

The Prague Process is a framework for dialogue and cooperation between the EU and its Member States, the non-EU Schengen States and 19 partner countries to the east (Russia, Eastern Partnership countries, Central Asian countries, Western Balkan countries, Turkey).

The work of the Prague Process is based on the Joint Ministerial Declaration (Prague 2009) and the Action Plan 2012-2016, adopted at the second Ministerial Conference of the Prague Process (Poznan, 2011).

Recent and upcoming events

3 November 2011	SOM, Poznan	Preparation Ministerial Discussion composition core group
4 November 2011	Ministerial Conference, Poznan	Adoption Action Plan 2012-2016
2-3 April 2012	SOM, Warsaw	Launch implementation Action Plan

(B) THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

The Eastern Partnership is the framework for cooperation between the EU and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Joint Declarations were adopted at Eastern Partnership Summits of Prague (2009) and Warsaw (2011).

The dialogue on migration and mobility takes place in the context of the new panel on Migration and Asylum, which succeeds the work previously undertaken through the Söderköping process.

Recent and upcoming events

29-30 September 2011	Eastern Partnership Summit, Warsaw	Adoption of Joint Declaration
8 December 2011	Final meeting on the Söderköping Process, Stockholm	
9 December 2011	1 st meeting Panel on Migration and Asylum, Stockholm	Adoption of Work Programme 2012
3-4 May 2012	2 nd meeting Panel on Migration and Asylum, Tbilisi	Theme: refugee status determination process
September 2012	Workshop on Country of Origin Information, Bucharest	
October 2012	3 rd meeting Panel on Migration and Asylum, Warsaw/Chisinau	Theme: circular migration Adoption of Work Programme for 2013
January/February 2013	4 th meeting Panel on Migration and Asylum Tbilisi	Theme: readmission, return and reintegration,

(c) THE MME PARTNERSHIP

The Africa-EU Migration, Mobility and Employment (MME) Partnership was launched during the 2nd Africa-EU Summit of Heads of State and Government in December 2007 in Lisbon, where the Joint EU-Africa Strategy and the First Action Plan (2008-2010) were adopted. The partnership provides the framework for dialogue and cooperation on migration issues between the EU and all African States.

A second Action Plan (2011-2013) was adopted at the third Africa-EU Summit that took place in Tripoli on 29-30 November 2010. Implementation was interrupted in 2011 due to force majeure considering the situation prevailing in Libya, the African co-chair of the Partnership.

Recent and upcoming events

29-30 Nov. 2010	Africa-EU Summit, Tripoli	Adoption of Action Plan 2011-2013
1-2 December 2011	Thematic meeting, Johannesburg	Theme: Trafficking in Human Beings

18 January 2012	8 th Meeting of the MME Implementation Team, Brussels	Re-launch of the implementation process
8 March 2012	Africa-EU Joint Expert Group, Brussels	Re-launch of the implementation process and more specifically, discussions on the next events to be held in 2012.
10-11 May 2012	Thematic meeting, Nairobi	Theme: Migrants' Rights: Female Migrants and Domestic Workers
5-6 July 2012 (tbc)	AUC-REC meeting, Addis Ababa	Stock taking exercise, building synergies between the RECs
1 st half of October 2012 (tbc)	Thematic meeting, Barcelona	Theme: International protection of refugees and asylum seekers

(D) THE RABAT PROCESS

The Rabat process was launched at the first Euro-African Ministerial conference on Migration and Development that took place in July 2006 in Rabat. The process aims to enhance dialogue and cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination along the West African migration route. A second Ministerial meeting took place in 2008 in Paris. The third one was organised in Dakar in November 2011, where a Strategy for 2012-2014 was adopted.

Recent and upcoming events

23 November 2011	Third Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, Dakar	Adoption of the Dakar Strategy 2012-2014
5-6 June 2012	Steering Committee and SOM, Madrid	Implementation of the Dakar Strategy

(E) THE BUDAPEST PROCESS

The Budapest Process was initiated in 1991 as a consultative forum, currently containing of more than 50 governments and 10 international organizations, aiming at developing comprehensive and sustainable systems for orderly migration. The process focuses on three priority regions: the South-East European Region, the Black Sea Region and the Silk Routes Region. The GAMM Council Conclusions of May 2012 make specific reference to the latter.

Recent and upcoming events		
7-8 June 2011	2nd meeting of the Silk Routes Working Group, Nevsehir, Turkey	
17 November 2011	SOM, Ankara	
18 November 2011	1 st intergovernmental meeting on the Silk Routes Project, Ankara	
25-26 April 2012	Meeting on Balkan Routes, Zagreb	
28-29 June 2012	3rd meeting of the Silk Routes Working Group, Tbilisi	Theme: Migration and Development
Spring 2013	Ministerial Budapest Process, Istanbul	

(F) THE ACP-EU MIGRATION DIALOGUE

The ACP-EU Migration Dialogue was launched in June 2010 through a Joint Declaration of the ACP-EU Joint Council. The dialogue is based on Article 13 of the Cotonou agreement. In May 2011 it was decided to further deepen the dialogue, focusing in particular on the subjects of remittances, visa and readmission, with the specific aim to strengthen the operational aspects of ACP-EU cooperation on these topics.

A series of expert meetings are scheduled to this effect, both at expert and Senior Official / Ambassador level, in view of reporting back to the ACP-EU Joint Council of 2012.

Recent and upcoming events

11 November 2011	First ACP-EU Ambassadors meeting	Launch of the new series of migration dialogue sessions
27 January 2012	Second ACP-EU Ambassadors meeting	
14 February 2012	First Expert meeting	Theme: Remittances.
15 February 2012	Second Expert Meeting	Theme: Visa
2 March 2012	Third ACP-EU Ambassadors meeting	
13 April 2012	Fourth ACP-EU Ambassadors meeting	
24 April 2012	Third Expert meeting	Theme: Readmission
7 May 2012	Fifth ACP-EU Ambassadors meeting	Preparation of report to ACP-EU Joint Council
21 May 2012	Sixth ACP-EU Ambassadors Meeting	Discussion on future of the dialogue
14-15 June 2012	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Vanuatu	

(G) THE EU-CELAC MIGRATION DIALOGUE

The EU and Latin America and the Caribbean have enjoyed a Strategic Partnership since the first bi-regional Summit in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in 1999. In 2008 the two sides decided to launch a Structured and Comprehensive Dialogue on Migration. The sixth Summit in Madrid (2010), concluded with the adoption of a Madrid Declaration and Action Plan for 2010-2012.

Recent and upcoming events

18 May 2010	6th EU-CELAC Summit, Madrid	Adoption Madrid Action plan 2010-2012
24-25 May 2011	5th EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	
24 May 2012	6 th EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	
26-27 January 2013	7th EU-CELAC Summit, Chile	Review of Madrid Action plan

Part 2 – The bilateral dialogues

(A) ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

Albania

A Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) entered into force on 1 April 2009. A readmission agreement and a visa facilitation agreement entered into force in 2008. In 2010 Albania was granted the visa free regime by the EU.

Recent and upcoming events

24 May 2011	Joint Readmission Committee, Tirana	
27-28 May 2011	JHA Subcommittee, Tirana	
26/27 April 2012	JHA Subcommittee, Brussels	

Bosnia Herzegovina

On 16 June 2008 the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) which will enter into force once its ratification process has been completed. On 1 January 2008 the visa facilitation and readmission agreements entered into force. In 2010 Bosnia was granted the visa free regime by the EU.

Recent and upcoming events

3 May 2012	High Level meeting on Home Affairs matters, Brussels	
Autumn 2012	Joint Readmission Committee	

Croatia

The EU-Croatia Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) entered into force in 2005. At the end of June 2011 the accession negotiations with Croatia were closed. The Accession Treaty was signed in December 2011. Accession is foreseen for 1 July 2013.

Recent and upcoming events

16 May 2011	JHA Subcommittee, Brussels	
9 March 2012	JHA Subcommittee, Zagreb	

Kosovo¹

Associated to the Stabilization and Association Process dialogue (SAP) since 2003, the SAP dialogue was launched in 2009. The main purpose of this dialogue is to accompany and monitor Kosovo's reforms and the EU approximation process, in particular with regard to the priorities defined in the European Partnership adopted by the European Council on 18 February 2008. In February 2012 the council took note of the intention of the Commission to launch a feasibility study in view of an SAA. In January 2012, the Commission has launched and will conduct , in reinforce consultation with Member States, a visa liberalization dialogue with Kosovo.

Recent and upcoming events

19 January 2012	Official Launch of Visa Dialogue	
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¹ *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with the UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*

7-8 February 2012	SAP dialogue on Justice, Freedom and Security, Pristina	
30 May 2012	Structured Dialogue on the Rule of Law, Brussels	
13 July 2012	SAP Dialogue, Plenary, Pristina	

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Montenegro

The EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) entered into force in 2010. Agreements between the EU and Montenegro on Visa Facilitation and Readmission took effect on 1 January 2008. In 2009 Montenegro was granted a visa-free regime by the EU.

Recent and upcoming events

2 nd semester 2012	Joint Readmission Committee	
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Serbia

The EU-Serbia Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) was signed in 2008 but is still in the process of ratification. On 18 February 2008 the Council adopted the new European partnership for Serbia which sets out priorities for Serbia's European perspective. Readmission and Visa Facilitation Agreements entered into force in 2008. In December 2009 Serbia was granted visa liberalisation by the EU.

Recent and upcoming events

18-22 June 2012	JLS Subcommittee, Belgrade	
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Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) with the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia entered into force in 2004. In 2008 the Council adopted the Accession Partnership for the country. A Visa Facilitation agreement and Readmission agreement with the EU has been in force since 2008. In 2009 the country was granted a visa-free regime by the EU.

Recent and upcoming events

13 May 2011	Joint Readmission Committee, Skopje	
14 September 2011	JHA Subcommittee, Skopje	
19 October 2011	SAA Committee, Brussels	
June 2012	JLS Subcommittee	
23-24 July 2012	SAA Council	

Turkey

In 2008 the Council adopted a revised Accession Partnership with Turkey. Negotiations on the EU-Turkey readmission agreement are finalized (but not yet initialed). Turkish authorities conditioned the initialling of the readmission agreement to the opening of the perspective of visa-free regime through a visa liberalisation process. The JHA Council of 25 February 2011 adopted conclusions on Turkey, taking note, inter alia, of the Commission's intention to initiate a dialogue on visa, mobility and migration with Turkey. Turkish authorities have however so far not accepted to start such dialogue.

Recent and upcoming events

30 November 2011	8 th Subcommittee (dealing also with Justice and Home Affairs issues), Brussels	
15 March 2012	Dialogue on Migration and Security, Ankara	MoU with Frontex was initialled.
12 April 2012	Association Committee	
End November/Early December 2012	9 th Subcommittee (dealing also with Justice and Home Affairs issues), Ankara	

(B) SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES**Morocco**

The EU-Morocco Association Agreement entered into force in 2000. Meetings of the EU-Morocco Social Affairs and Migration Working Group are supposed to take place once a year. Negotiations on an EU-Morocco readmission agreement with Morocco are ongoing since 2003.

An EU delegation visited Morocco on 13 October 2011 and launched with the Moroccan authorities the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security. The Commission hopes to conclude the negotiation of the Mobility Partnership for Morocco during the first semester of 2012. Finalisation of the readmission agreement and the negotiation of a visa facilitation agreement between the EU and Morocco are to be included in this partnership.

Recent and upcoming events

25 March 2011	Meeting of the Working Group on Social Affairs and Migration	
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13 October 2011	1st meeting of the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security, Rabat	Launch of the MMS Dialogue
6 December 2011	2nd meeting of the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security, Rabat	Information seminar on MMS Dialogue for relevant Moroccan ministries. Meeting with representatives of the civil society.
May 2012 (tbc)	3rd meeting of the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security, Rabat	

Tunisia

The EU-Tunisia Association Agreement entered into force in 1998. Meetings of the EU-Tunisia Social Affairs and Migration Working Group are supposed to take place once per year. This meeting did not take place in 2011.

An EU delegation visited Tunisia at 6 October 2011 and launched with the Tunisian authorities the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security. The Commission hopes to conclude the negotiation of the Mobility Partnership for Tunisia during the first semester of 2012. A visa facilitation and a readmission agreement between the EU and Tunisia are to be part of this partnership.

Recent and upcoming events

31 May 2011	Exploratory Talks	Meeting to explain MMS Dialogue to Tunisian stakeholders
6 October 2011	1st meeting of the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security	Launch of the MMS Dialogue
26 March 2012	2nd meeting of the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security	First discussions on the possible contents of the MP
7 May 2012 (tbc)	3rd meeting of the Dialogue on migration, mobility and security	Discussion on the MP draft joint declaration.
14 June 2012 (tbc)	Meeting of the Social Affairs and Migration Working Group, Brussels	

Egypt

Relations between the European Union and Egypt are governed by an Association Agreement since 2004.

Egypt has not yet responded to the EU proposal of launching a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security. A visa facilitation and a readmission agreement between the EU and Egypt are to be part of this partnership.

Recent and upcoming events

16 June 2011	Exploratory Talks	Meeting to explain MMS Dialogue to Egyptian stakeholders
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Libya

In 2008, negotiations of an EU-Libya Framework Agreement started, aiming to include also provisions related to migration, mobility, borders and international protection. In October 2010 a Joint Press Release was agreed on the EU-Libya cooperation on borders, mobility, migration and asylum, followed by a Senior Officials meeting on 15 February 2011. Negotiations of the Framework Agreement and discussions on the basis of the Joint Press Release were suspended in February 2011.

Recent and upcoming events

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(c) EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

Armenia

EU relations with Armenia are governed by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which entered into force in 1999. In July 2010, the EU and Armenia launched negotiations on a future EU-Armenia Association Agreement to succeed the PCA. An EU migration mission visited Armenia in 2008. A Mobility Partnership was signed on 27 October 2011.

On 19 December 2011 Council adopted negotiating directives for the EU-Armenia agreements on visa facilitation and readmission and authorised the Commission to start negotiations.

Recent and upcoming events

14 July 2011	Justice, Freedom and Security Subcommittee, Brussels	
21 September 2011	EU-Armenia Cooperation Committee	
25 November 2011	EU-Armenia Cooperation Council	
7 December 2011	Conference on Mobility Partnership organised by ICHD and IOM, Yerevan	
27-28 February 2012	Launch and first round of negotiations of visa facilitation agreement and readmission agreement, Yerevan	
26-27 April 2012	Second round of negotiations of visa facilitation agreement and readmission agreement, Brussels	
June/July I 2012 (tbc)	Third round of negotiations of visa facilitation agreement and readmission agreement, Yerevan	

<p>Azerbaijan</p> <p><i>EU relations with Azerbaijan are governed by the EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which entered into force in 1999. Since July 2010 the EU and Azerbaijan are negotiating an Association Agreement to succeed the PCA. An EU migration mission visited Azerbaijan on 16 and 17 June 2011 to further enhance cooperation and dialogue with Azerbaijan on migration issues. .</i></p> <p><i>On 19 December 2011 Council adopted negotiating directives for the EU-Armenia agreements on visa facilitation and readmission and authorised the Commission to start negotiations.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
23 September 2011	EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Committee	
24 November 2011	Justice, Freedom and Security and Human Rights and Democracy Subcommittee, Brussels	
25 November 2011	EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council	
1-2 March 2012	Launch and first round of negotiations of visa facilitation agreement and readmission agreement, Baku	

31 st May/1 st June 2012	Second round of negotiations of visa facilitation agreement and readmission agreement, Brussels	
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Georgia		
<i>EU-Georgia bilateral relations are regulated by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which entered into force on 1 July 1999. The negotiations for an EU – Georgia Association Agreement to succeed the PCA were launched in Batumi on 15 July 2010. An EU migration mission visited Georgia in 2009. The Mobility Partnership between the European Union and Georgia was signed in November 2009. Readmission and Visa Facilitation Agreements entered into force on 1st March 2011.</i>		
Recent and upcoming events		
21 June 2011	Justice, Freedom and Security Subcommittee	
22 September 2011	EU-Georgia Cooperation Committee	
24 November 2011	2 nd Joint Visa Facilitation Committee and Joint Readmission Committee, Tblisi	
1 December 2011	EU-Georgia Cooperation Council	
13 March 2012	3rd Joint Visa Facilitation Committee and Joint Readmission Committee, Brussels	
12-14 March 2012	Commission/EEAS experts' mission to Georgia	<i>In loco</i> assessment of the implementation of the VFA and RA.
June 2012	Launch of visa free dialogue	

Republic of Moldova		
<i>The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with Moldova went into force in 1994. Negotiations on the Association Agreement to succeed the PCA were launched on 12 January 2010. The EU-Moldova visa facilitation and readmission agreements entered into force in January 2008. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2008.</i>		
<i>In June 2010 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Moldovan citizens to the EU. The Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation was endorsed by the Council on 16 December 2010 and subsequently presented by the Commission to the Moldovan authorities on</i>		

24 January 2011.

Recent and upcoming events

18 October 2011	EU-Republic of Moldova Cooperation Committee	
24 November 2011	Mobility Partnership High-Level Meeting	
24 November 2011	Justice, Freedom and Security Subcommittee, Brussels	
14 December 2011	4 th round of negotiations on amending the Visa Facilitation Agreement	
27 February 2012	4 th Visa dialogue SOM	Implementation of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation
22-23 May 2012	Joint Visa Facilitation Committee and Joint Readmission Committee, Chisinau	
13 June 2012	MP Local Cooperation Platform, Chisinau	
27-28 June 2012	Conference and policy workshop on Mobility Partnerships, Brussels	Co-organised by the European Commission, the Republic of Moldova and ICMPD

Ukraine

The Partnership and Co-operation Agreement (PCA) entered into force in 1998. Negotiations on an EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (AA) started in September 2008. Negotiations on the AA were finalized in 2011. The Readmission and Visa Facilitation agreements were concluded in 2008. An EU migration mission visited Ukraine in September 2010.

In 2008 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Ukrainian citizens to the EU.

Recent and upcoming events

25 October 2011	EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee	
14 December 2011	4 th round of negotiations on amending the Visa Facilitation Agreement	
19 December 2011	EU-Ukraine Summit	

17 April 2012	Visa dialogue SOM	Implementation of the Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation
14-15 May 2012	Joint Visa Facilitation Committee and Joint Readmission Committee , Kiev	

Belarus

An EU migration mission visited Belarus in 2009. On 28 February 2011 the Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations on visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Belarus. The Commission submitted a formal invitation to the Belarusian authorities, but the Belarusian government did not respond. EU continues to impose travel restrictions on Belarusian officials and companies linked to the regime in reaction to the deterioration of the country's record on human rights, democracy and rule of law.

Recent and upcoming events

(D) RUSSIA

Russia

The EU-Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) came into force in 1997. Ministerial meetings for Freedom, Security and Justice area (PPC) are organized regularly. New comprehensive EU-Russia Agreement is under negotiations.

The Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements entered into force on 1 June 2007. Joint Committees under both agreements are held twice a year. On 11 April the Council adopted the mandate for the renegotiation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement.

Visa dialogue was launched in 2007 and in its context, on 15 December 2011, the Parties agreed on a list of Common Steps which would need to be implemented before the talks on EU-Russia visa waiver might be launched. Senior Officials are monitoring the progress of the Dialogue during regular meetings (SOM).

In May 2011 Russia and EU launched a Dialogue on Migration and agreed the parameters of this new cooperation format. The Dialogue will focus on legal migration, migration and development, asylum process and other forms of international protection, as well as on combating illegal migration and trafficking in human beings.

Recent and upcoming events		
27 April 2011	8 th Joint Visa Facilitation Committee	
10-11 October 2011	15 th PPC on Freedom, Security and Justice	
13 October 2011	3 rd round of negotiations on the revision of the visa facilitation agreement	
5 December 2011	10 th Joint Readmission Committee	
14 December 2011	1st meeting Migration Dialogue, Moscow	Theme: International protection
15 December 2011	Russia-EU Summit	List of common steps towards a visa free short term travel regime formally adopted and their implementation launched
23 January 2011	SOM visa dialogue	Discussion on the methodology of the implementation of the list of Common Steps
14-16 March 2011	Kick off meeting between the experts for implementation of the list of Common Steps	
30 March 2012	2 nd meeting of the Migration dialogue, Budapest	Theme: Irregular migration
25 June 2012	Migration dialogue; Senior Officials, Brussels	
3rd quarter 2012	3 rd meeting of the Migration dialogue, Moscow	Theme: Migration and Development
4 th quarter 2012 (tbc)	4th meeting of the Migration dialogue, Prague (tbc)	Theme: Legal Migration

(E) AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Cape Verde

In 2007 the EU and Cape Verde agreed on a Special Partnership Agreement. An EU migration mission visited

Cape Verde in May 2007. The Mobility Partnership between the European Union and Cape Verde was signed in 2007. Negotiations on visa facilitation and readmission agreements were launched in July 2009 and concluded ad referendum between the negotiators in November 2011.

Recent and upcoming events

6-7 June 2011	Political dialogue meeting at ministerial level, Praia	
22 November 2011	Final round of negotiations on Visa Facilitation Agreement, Brussels	Conclusion of negotiations <i>ad referendum</i>
23 November 2011	Final round of negotiations on Readmission Agreement, Brussels	Conclusion of negotiations <i>ad referendum</i>
24 April 2012	High Level Meeting, Brussels	Both agreement are initialled

Ghana

An EU migration mission visited Ghana in June 2007. In 2010 the EU proposed Ghana to start discussions on the conclusion of a Mobility Partnership.

Recent and upcoming events

23 January 2012	Information workshop on Mobility Partnerships and the possible Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM), Accra	First contacts with Ghanaian authorities to explain the possibilities of a closer cooperation and listen to their expectations.
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Nigeria

An EU migration mission visited Nigeria in April 2008. For the time being, five Dialogues on migration and development have been organized in the last years, under the umbrella of the EU-Nigeria Ministerial meetings.

Recent and upcoming events

29 June 2010	EU-Nigeria Senior Official Meeting	
27 January 2012	5 th Dialogue on migration and development	

South Africa

South Africa and the EU entered into a Strategic Partnership in 2007. An EU migration mission visited South Africa in September 2008. Since then, in the frame of the Joint Cooperation Council, a Migration Dialogue Forum is organized. In July 2011, the discussions focused on trafficking in human beings and Asylum policy (exchange of best practices).

Recent and upcoming events

18-19 July 2011	EU-SA Joint Cooperation Council, Brussels	Migration Dialogue Forum, with a special focus on THB and Asylum.
15 September 2011 (tbc)	EU-South Africa Summit, Kruger Park	Visa facilitation was expressly mentioned by SA President
17 July 2012 (tbc)	EU-SA Joint Cooperation Council	The meeting will include migration issues

(F) ASIAN COUNTRIES

China

The EU-China comprehensive strategic partnership came into force in 2003. Negotiations for a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement started in 2007. China signed an Approved Destination Status (ADS) Agreement in 2004. The ADS is a memorandum of understanding facilitating the entry of Chinese tourists into EU Member States. The ADS also includes provisions requiring China to take back its nationals who overstay and to cooperate on their readmission. Formal negotiations on an EU readmission agreement have not started yet.

Recent and upcoming events

13-17 June 2011	Technical mission, Beijing	China reiterates its request for an EU visa waiver for diplomats
14 February 2012	Fourteenth EU-China Summit, China	Both parties agreed to explore the possibilities of facilitating mobility for Chinese and EU citizens, and strengthen cooperation on illegal immigration, as well as to pay special attention to the question of mutual visa exemption for holders of diplomatic passports.

2012	Dialogue on Migration and Mobility	Intention to revive High-Level Consultations on illegal migration and trafficking in human beings (dormant since 2006) in updated form. China appears ready to engage in a broad dialogue.
September 2012 (tbc)	Fifteenth EU-China Summit	

<p>India</p> <p><i>The EU-India Co-operation Agreement (CA) entered into force in 1994. In 2004 the EU and India entered into a Strategic Partnership. The Joint Action Plan was agreed in 2005 at the Summit in The Hague and revised in 2008 at the eighth EU-India Summit in Marseille. This plan aims to promote among others people-to-people contacts and cultural exchanges.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
October 2010	EU-India High Level Dialogue Meeting on Migration, Brussels	
10 February 2012	12th EU-India Summit, India, Delhi	
2-3 July 2012	EU-India High Level Dialogue Meeting on Migration, Delhi	

Part 3 – The Global Process

(A) GLOBAL FORUM FOR MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

<p><i>The GFMD is an initiative of the UN Member States to address the migration and development nexus in practical and action-oriented ways. It is an informal, non-binding, voluntary and government-led process that marks the culmination of more than a decade of international dialogue on the growing importance of the linkages between migration and development.</i></p> <p><i>This intergovernmental process emerged after the General Assembly High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in September 2006. The first meeting of the GFMD was held in Brussels in July 2007.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>
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1- 2 December 2011	Global Forum for Migration and Development, Geneva	Theme: "Taking action on Migration and Development – Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation."
18-19 January 2012	Brainstorming Session on GFMD 2012, Port Louis, Mauritius	
6-7 February 2012	GFMD Steering Group and Friends of the Forum meeting, Geneva	
14 March 2012	Meeting of the GFMD assessment team, Geneva.	
26-27 April 2012	Meeting of the assessment team, friends of the forum and steering group, Geneva.	
7-8 June 2012	GFMD Steering Group and Friends of the Forum meeting, Port Louis	
21-22 November 2012	GFMD Summit meeting, Port Louis	Theme: "Enhancing the human development of Migrants and their contribution to the development of communities and States"

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