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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 2021)¹**

Third Country	Irregular borders crossings (source: Frontex)			Asylum recognition rate 2021 (source: Eurostat)	Visa refusal rate 2021
	2015-2020	2021	Jan-May 2022		
Tunisia	30 163	16 527	4 631	5%	24%
Morocco	70 193	16 482	5 945	8%	25%
Algeria	40 316	13 702	1 996	6%	32%
Egypt	12 559	9 219	3 812	10%	14%
Bangladesh	41 650	9 041	4 645	4%	33%
Iraq	162 121	8 692	1 048	33%	33%
Türkiye	24 847	4 673	5 216	36%	15%
Iran	40 136	4 527	994	40%	18%
Côte d'Ivoire	41 501	4 117	1 406	23%	24%
Pakistan	82 688	3 863	4 010	10%	36%
Somalia	36 277	3 431	1 077	55%	30%
Guinea	49 694	3 012	1 618	27%	40%
Eritrea	74 566	2 735	678	79%	25%
Nigeria	83 106	2 352	2 683	11%	39%
Sudan	31 389	2 486	912	44%	27%
Cameroon	18 132	1 965	1 191	23%	26%
Mali	37 889	1 785	773	44%	22%
Democratic Republic of Congo	7 396	1 500	2 190	22%	27%
Congo	7 033	938	227	20%	26%
India	1 923	712	1 676	1%	16%
The Gambia	33 804	535	337	9%	54%
Ethiopia	7 754	469	188	29%	20%
Senegal	26 529	361	745	8%	31%
Ghana	16 664	331	195	6%	39%
Kosovo*	26 374	234	184	7%	11%
Russia	687	217	36	18%	3%
Lebanon	2 776	157	132	12%	16%
Sri Lanka	1 239	134	30	11%	18%

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.

* 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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Belarus	144	133	93	75%	1%
Vietnam	1 840	18	18	1%	6%
China including Hong Kong	345 ²	10	12	51%	5%
Armenia	102	6	4	4%	12%
Azerbaijan	71	4	4	11%	7%
Cabo Verde	4	0	0	0%	15%

² These figures include 2 cases of irregular border crossings by Hong Kong citizens in 2017.