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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: High Level Working Party on Asylum and Migration
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To: Delegations
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Implementation of the Global Approach

The **Commission** presented the state of play of dialogues and processes under the Global Approach. The GAMM update is set out in the Annex to this Note.

Specific information was provided on the following items:

- By the **Commission**, on the outcome of the Extended Meeting of the European Union - Republic of Moldova Mobility Partnership Local Cooperation Platform, held in Chisinau on 8 July 2014.
- By the **Commission**, on the outcome of the first Expert meeting on Trafficking in Human Beings and Smuggling of Migrants, in the framework of the ACP-EU Dialogue on Migration, held in Brussels on 9-10 July 2014.
- By **HU**, on the outcome of the first Regional Training under the Budapest process - Silk Routes Migration Partnership project, held in Antalya (Turkey) on 1-3 September 2014.

- By the **Chair** and the **Commission**, on the outcome of the EU-US Senior Official Meeting, held in Rome on 17-18 September 2014.
- By the **Commission**, on the outcome of the GAMM expert meeting held in Brussels on 22 September 2014.
- By **PL**, on the state of play of the preparations of the Panel meeting on labour migration (in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum), to be held in Warsaw on 6-7 November 2014.

2. Dialogues on Migration and Mobility

The **Chair**, the **Commission** and EEAS provided information on the state of play of the dialogues on Migration, Mobility and Security with Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan.

In particular, the **Group** was informed that the signature of a Joint Declaration establishing a Mobility Partnership EU-Jordan will be signed on 9 October 2014, in the margins of the JHA Council.

In this context, on the basis of the information provided by the Commission and EEAS, the **Group** also addressed the subject of developing cooperation on migration with Lebanon and Belarus.

3. Common Agendas on Migration and Mobility (CAMM)

On the basis of the information provided by the **Commission** and **EEAS**, the **Group** had an exchange of views on the establishment of a CAMM with Brazil.

The **Group** was also informed of the interest of Ethiopia of establishing a CAMM with the EU and had an exchange of views in this respect.

4. **EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility**

The **Commission** and **EEAS** updated on the state of play of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility.

The **Chair** indicated that this item would be further addressed at the next meeting of the **Group**.

5. **EU-CELAC Structured and Comprehensive Dialogue on Migration**

Representatives from IOM and FIIAPP made a presentation on the state of play of the implementation of the support project of the Dialogue.

The **Chair** informed the **Group** on the state of play of the preparation for the IX High-level Meeting of the EU-CELAC Dialogue, to be held in Brussels on 13 November 2014. The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.

6. **Africa-EU Dialogue on Migration and Mobility**

The **Chair**, the **Commission** and **EEAS** provided information on the most recent developments in relation to the initiative, launched by IT and the Commission, aimed at establishing a dialogue on migration and migration-related issues with countries in Eastern Africa/Horn of Africa ("the Khartoum Process").

The **Group** had an exchange of views in this respect, in the perspective of the Senior Official Meeting, which will take place in Khartoum on 15 October 2014 and of the Ministerial Conference of Khartoum process, expected to be held in Rome on 28 November 2014.

The **Commission** also made reference to the development of Regional Development and Protection Programmes in North Africa and the Horn of Africa envisaged under the Task Force Mediterranean.

7. Rabat process

The **Chair** and the **Commission** provided information on the outcome of the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Rabat process, held in Rome on 11-12 September 2014, as well as on next steps in view of the IV Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, which will take place in Rome on 27 November 2014.

The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.

8. Prague process

PL provided information on the preparation of the Senior Officials Meeting of the Prague Process, to be held in Berlin on 28-29 October 2014.

The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.

9. Financial support to the implementation of the GAMM

The **Commission** provided information on the existing financial instruments which can support the implementation of the GAMM.

The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.

10. EUROMED

The **Commission** and **ICMPD** provided information on the preparation for the meeting on the last implementation phase of the EU-funded EUROMED III Migration, to be held in Rome on 19 December 2014.

11. AOB

- The **Chair** provided information on the outcome of the lunch debate 'Migration and Mobility - integral part of sustainable development', which took place at the Informal Development Ministerial Meeting of the Italian Presidency, held in Florence on 15 July 2014.
 - The **Chair** provided information on the Presidency initiative "Taking action to better manage migratory flows - Strategic approach". The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.
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GAMM UPDATE

19 September 2014

This document provides an updated overview of the main external migration dialogue processes implemented in the framework of the EU Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM). 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

4 November 2011	Ministerial Conference Poznan	Adoption Action Plan 2012-2016
27-28 February 2013	Senior Officials Meeting Prague	
6-7 May 2014	Workshop of the Legal Migration and of the Migration and Development Pilot Projects, Yerevan.	
26 May 2014	PSC meeting III, Brussels	Cont. work on project proposals
3-5 June 2014	Study visit within Legal Migration Pilot Project, Finland	
24 June 2014	3 rd Core Group Meeting, Warsaw	Preparations for Senior Officials Meeting in October
25 June 2014	National Contact Points' meeting on Asylum and International Protection, Warsaw.	
8-9 July 2014	Concluding workshop of the Illegal Migration Pilot Project, Warsaw	Adoption of handbook and guidelines; Proposals for future activities
25-26 September 2014	Joint concluding workshop of the Legal Migration Pilot Project and the Migration	Presentation and endorsement of the handbook on managing

	& Development Pilot Project, Prague	labour and circular migration
28-29 October 2014	Senior Officials Meeting, Berlin	Discussion on the way forward (after 2016) for Prague Process

(B) THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

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), Warsaw (2011) and Vilnius (2013).

The dialogue on migration takes place in the context of the panel on Migration and Asylum, established in December 2011 which builds upon the work started by the Söderköping process.

Recent and upcoming events

7-8 October 2013	Eastern Partnership JHA Ministerial Meeting, Luxembourg	JUST and HOME sessions
28-29 November 2013	Eastern Partnership Summit, Vilnius	
23 March 2014	Expert workshop, Chisinau	Theme: detention
10-11 June 2014	6 th Panel on Migration and Asylum, Vilnius	Theme: Human smuggling
5-6 November 2014	7 th Panel on Migration and Asylum, Warsaw	Theme: Labour migration
November/December 2014	Expert workshop, The Hague	Theme: Asylum procedures

(C) THE AFRICA-EU MIGRATION AND MOBILITY DIALOGUE

The Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue was launched during the 2nd Africa-EU Summit of Heads of State and Government in December 2007 in Lisbon. The dialogue 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 (situation in Libya, the African co-chair of the Dialogue) and resumed again in 2013. The third Action Plan 2014-2017 was adopted at the Africa-EU Summit on 2-3 April 2014 together with the Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Mobility.

Recent and upcoming events

29-30 November 2010	Africa-EU Summit, Tripoli	Adoption of Action Plan 2011-2013
27-28 November 2013	Senior Officials Meeting, Brussels	Preparation of the Action Plan 2014-2017
10 February 2014	Meeting of the Core Group, Brussels	Preparation of the next Action Plan 2014-17
2-3 April 2014	EU-Africa Summit, Brussels	Adoption of the next Action Plan 2014-2017 and a Political Declaration on Migration and Mobility
February 2015 (tbc)	Joint Annual Forum	Review and assessment of implementation of the Roadmap and discussion of Roadmap strategic themes

(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 held in Dakar in November 2011, where the 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
23 April 2014	Steering Committee, Paris	Preparatory works for the next SOM
23-24 April 2014	Policy Meeting, Paris	Theme: migrants in crisis situation
26-27 June 2014	Senior Officials Meeting, Morocco	Preparation of the Ministerial meeting
11-12 September 2014	Steering Committee, Rome	Preparation of the SOM and Ministerial meetings
26 November 2014	Senior Officials Meeting, Rome	Preparation for adoption of Rome Declaration and Programme
27 November 2014	Ministerial Conference, Rome	Adoption of Rome Declaration and Programme

(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.

Within the Budapest Process, a Silk Routes Partnership for Migration was established at the Ministerial Conference held in Istanbul on 19 April 2013. The Istanbul Declaration sets out the main objectives and activities of the countries along this migratory route.

Recent and upcoming events

19 April 2013	Ministerial Conference, Istanbul	Adoption of the Istanbul Declaration on A Silk Routes Partnership for Migration
9-10 December 2013	Senior Officials Meeting, Istanbul	
2-3 June 2014	Kick off conference of the Silk Route Partnership project, Budapest	
3-4 June 2014	Meeting of the working group on South-East Europe, Budapest	
4 September 2014	First Regional Training on Migration Policy and Data management, Antalya	
11-12 September 2014	Meeting of Black Sea Region group, Sofia	
10-11 November 2014	Annual Working Group on the Silk Route, Dushanbe	
25-27 November 2014	Second Regional training on Legal and Labour Migration and Mobility, location tbd	
11-12 December 2014	Senior Officials Meeting, Turkey	

(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 took place to this effect, both at expert and Senior Official / Ambassador level. A joint report including recommendations on remittances, visas and readmission has been adopted in June 2012 at the ACP-EU Joint Council of Vanuatu. Further actions in the area of visa, readmission, remittances but also trafficking in human being and smuggling of migrants are foreseen to take place in 2014.

Recent and upcoming events

6-7 June 2013	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Brussels	
29-30 April 2014	Expert seminar on return and readmission policy in Western Africa, Brussels	Implement the expert conclusions adopted at ministerial level in the field of return and readmission
16 May 2014	ACP-EU Ambassadors meeting, Brussels	
2 June 2014	Visa working first group meeting, Brussels (meets on a biannual basis)	Discuss visa-related practices and legislation, including the implementation of the Visa Code
19-20 June 2014	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Nairobi	Review of the implementation of Vanuatu recommendations and endorsement of the recommendation of the readmission/return experts' seminar to make this group permanent
9-10 July 2014	Expert meeting on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants, Brussels	Preparation of conclusions to be endorsed in the next Joint Ministerial Meeting in 2015
November 2014	Seminar on Remittances	

(G) THE EU-CELAC MIGRATION DIALOGUE

The EU and Latin America and the Caribbean countries (CELAC) Structured and Comprehensive Dialogue on Migration was launched in June 2009 following the mandate of the EU- LAC Lima Summit. The EU-CELAC Action Plan, adopted at the 2010 Madrid Summit, calls for further developing this Dialogue. This commitment was renewed during the last EU-CELAC Summit held in Santiago de Chile in January 2013.

Recent and upcoming events

26-27 January 2013	EU-CELAC Summit, Santiago	
26-27 November 2013	8 th EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	Seminar on new migration trends between the two regions
October 2014 (tbc)	Brussels-based meeting	Preparations for the High level Meeting
13 November 2014 (tbc)	9 th EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	
10-11 June 2015	EU-CELAC Summit, Brussels	

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

18 March 2014	Stabilisation and Association Committee, Tirana	
15-16 May 2014	JLS Subcommittee, Tirana	

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

13-14 May 2014	Structured Dialogue on Justice and additional rule of law matters	
Third quarter 2014	High Level meeting on Home Affairs matters, Sarajevo	

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 January 2012, the Commission launched, in reinforced consultation with Member States, a visa liberalization dialogue with Kosovo.

Recent and upcoming events

28-30 January 2014	SAP Dialogue, Pristina	
16 June 2014	4 th Senior Official Meeting of the Visa Dialogue, Brussels	

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.

<p>Montenegro <i>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. In December 2013 Montenegro started accession negotiations in Chapter 23 Judiciary and fundamental rights and Chapter 24 Justice, freedom and security.</i></p>		
<p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
4-5 February 2014	JLS Subcommittee, Podgorica	

<p>Serbia <i>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.</i></p>		
<p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
5-6 June 2014	JLS Subcommittee, Brussels	

<p>Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <i>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.</i></p>		
<p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
26 November 2013	JLS Subcommittee, Skopje	

<p>Turkey <i>In 2008 the Council adopted a revised Accession Partnership with Turkey. On 16 December 2013 the EU and Turkey signed a Readmission Agreement and launched a Visa Dialogue.</i></p>		
<p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
15 March 2012	Dialogue on Migration and Security, Ankara	MoU with Frontex was initialled.
27 May 2013	EU-Turkey Association Council, Brussels	
16 December 2013	Signature of the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement and launch of the Visa Dialogue with Turkey	
23 June 2014	EU-Turkey Association Council, Luxembourg	

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 formally ongoing since 2003 but de facto stalled since June 2010.

On 13 October 2011 a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security was launched. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2013. Finalisation of the readmission agreement and the negotiation of a visa facilitation agreement between the EU and Morocco are part of the commitments taken.

Recent and upcoming events

7 June 2013	Signing of the MP	In presence of Commissioner Malmström, Saad dine El Otmani (Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs) and the nine signatory MS
4 October 2013	Adoption by the Commission of the draft negotiating directives for an EU-Morocco Visa Facilitation Agreement	
5 December 2013	Adoption by the Council of the negotiation mandate on visa facilitation	
1-2 April 2014	Commission mission to Rabat	Preliminary talks on the visa facilitation and readmission agreement and technical review of the annexes to the MP
Week starting 20 th October 2014 (tbc)	Start of the negotiations on visas and readmission, Brussels	
1 st week of December 2014 (tbc)	EU mission to Rabat	High-level Meeting + Review of the MP annex

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.

A Dialogue on migration, mobility and security was launched on 6 October 2011. A Mobility Partnership was signed on 3 March 2014. A Visa Facilitation and a Readmission Agreement between the EU and Tunisia are part of this partnership.

Recent and upcoming events

19 June 2013	EU-Tunisia Association Committee	
3 March 2014	Signature of the EU-Tunisia Mobility Partnership Declaration, Brussels	
28-29 April 2014	Discussions on the Document implementing the Mobility Partnership Declaration ("the Annex"), Tunis	
30 July 2014	Adoption by the Commission of the draft negotiating directives for an EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and for an EU-Tunisia readmission agreement	

Egypt <i>Relations between the European Union and Egypt are governed by an Association Agreement since 2004.</i>		
Recent and upcoming events		
16 June 2011	Exploratory Talks	Meeting to explain MMS Dialogue to Egyptian stakeholders
14-15 November 2012	EU-Egypt Task Force	Reiteration by the EU of the offer to start the EU-Egypt Dialogue on migration, mobility and security
8 April 2014	Meeting between Ambassador for Egypt and Director General of DG HOME.	Ambassador informs that Egypt is prepared to engage in dialogue with the EU on migration-related issues
22 May 2014	Follow-up to above meeting at technical level	Informal exchange on possible topics to be included in the dialogue, and next steps to be taken.
Autumn 2014 (tbc)	EU-Mission to Cairo (tbc)	

Jordan <i>Relations between the European Union and Jordan are governed by an Association Agreement which entered into force in 2002. On 12 December 2012, the EU and Jordan launched a Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security. Jordan has expressed its wish to establish a Mobility Partnership with the EU.</i>		
Recent and upcoming events		
25-28 February 2013	First experts' mission to Jordan in the framework of the Dialogue on MMS	
1-4 July 2013	Second experts' mission in the framework of the dialogue on MMS	
20 December 2013	Opening discussions on the draft Joint Declaration for the establishment of a Mobility Partnership with Jordan, Brussels.	Presentation of and preliminary discussions on the draft text.
12 March 2014	EU mission (COM, PRES, EEAS and CSG) to Amman, to discuss the draft text of the MP.	Very good progress on draft text. Two points still under consideration.
Autumn 2014	Signature of the Mobility Partnership with Jordan	

Libya <i>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.</i>		
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Recent and upcoming events		
June 2013	Deployment to Libya of the CSDP mission to assist in the development of Libyan border management capacities	
December 2013	The Commission adopted a €10 million programme to support a rights-based migration management and asylum system in Libya.	

(C) EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

Armenia		
<i>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.</i>		
<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. The Visa Facilitation Agreement was signed on 17 December 2012 and the Readmission Agreement on 19 April 2013. Both agreements entered into force on 1 January 2014.</i>		
Recent and upcoming events		
22-23 October 2012	Conference on Armenia-EU Mobility Partnership, Brussels	
17 December 2012	EU-Armenia Cooperation Council	
25 October 2013	EU-Armenia Cooperation Committee, Yerevan	
26 March 2014	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Yerevan	
10 September 2014	1 st EU-Armenia Joint Readmission Committee, Yerevan	

Azerbaijan		
<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. A Mobility Partnership with Azerbaijan was signed on 5 December 2013.</i>		
<i>On 19 December 2011 Council adopted negotiating directives for the EU-Azerbaijan agreements on visa facilitation and readmission and authorised the Commission to start negotiations. The Visa Facilitation Agreement was signed in the margins of the Vilnius Summit of the Eastern Partnership, on 28 November 2013. The Readmission Agreement was signed on 28 February 2014. Both agreements entered into force on 1 September.</i>		
Recent and upcoming events		
1-2 October 2013	EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Committee, Baku	

5 December 2013	Signature of the EU-Azerbaijan Mobility Partnership	
28 February 2014	JLS Subcommittee with Azerbaijan, Brussels	

Georgia

The EU - Georgia Association Agreement and the Deep and Comprehensive Trade Agreement, which succeed the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) of 1999, were signed on 26 June 2014 in Brussels.

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.

In June 2012 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Georgian citizens to the Schengen area. The Visa Liberalization Action Plan (VLAP) was presented to Georgia on 25 February 2013. The first Commission's progress report of the VLAP was issued on 15 November 2013 and the second one is expected in early Autumn 2014.

Recent and upcoming events

23 October 2013	EU-Georgia Cooperation Committee, Tbilisi	
15 November 2013	Adoption of 1 st Commission progress report on the VLAP	
4 June 2014	Joint Readmission Committee, Tbilisi Joint Visa Facilitation Committee, Tbilisi	
18 June 2014	JFS Subcommittee with Georgia, Tbilisi	

Republic of Moldova

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 and were closed in 2013. The AA was signed on 27 June 2014 and applies provisionally from 1 September 2014.. The EU-Moldova visa facilitation and readmission agreements entered into force in January 2008. An amended visa facilitation agreement entered into force in July 2013. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2008.

In June 2010 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Moldovan citizens to the EU. Following the Commission's proposal to amend Visa Regulation 539/2001 of 27 November 2013, Moldova was granted visa-free travel to the Schengen area on 28 April 2014.

Following the completing of the visa liberalisation process, Moldova is looking forward to deepen cooperation with the Schengen systems and procedures, also through an increased convergence of its practices with the full requirements of the Schengen Catalogue. Additionally, Moldova is seeking to reinforce its cooperation with EASO and Frontex and benefit from capacity building and training.

Furthermore, Moldova is interested in fostering legal migration channels to the EU. Following the last meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development on 15 May 2014 in Stockholm, Moldova has expressed interest in becoming the pilot country for the implementation of the Global Agenda for Economic Mobility. This is in line with the need to rebalance the GAMM pillars of the Mobility Partnership towards legal migration and migrant centric projects, namely through circular and seasonal migration schemes to the EU.

Taking into consideration the regional context and the latest developments in the migration negotiations between Moldova and Russia, Moldova has asked for additional assistance from the EU in order to address the risks posed by possible mass return of Moldovan migrants from the Russian Federation.

Recent and upcoming events

12 June 2013	6 th VFA/RA joint committees, Brussels	
15 November 2013	Adoption of 5 th Commission progress report on the VLAP	
27 November 2013	Commission proposal to amend Regulation 539/2001 to transfer Moldova to the positive list.	
10 December 2013	Mobility Partnership, Senior Officials Meeting, Brussels	
16 April 2014	EU-Moldova JLS Subcommittee, Brussels	
28 April 2014	Entry into force of visa-free regime for holders of biometric passports	
8 July	Extended Local Cooperation Platform, Mobility Partnership, Chisinau	
10 November 2014	Mobility Partnership, Senior Officials Meeting, Brussels	Member States participation is very much encouraged
Spring 2015	7 th VFA/RA joint committees, Chisinau	

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.

In 2008 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Ukrainian citizens to the EU. The Action Plan on Visa Liberalisation was endorsed by the Council on 10 November 2010 and presented by the EU to Ukraine at the EU-Ukraine Summit on 22 November 2010. The third Progress Report on the implementation of the Action Plan was issued by Commission services on 15 November 2013.

Recent and upcoming events

25-26 February 2013	EU-Ukraine Summit	
22-23 May 2013	EU-Ukraine JLS Subcommittee, Brussels	
27 September 2013	Visa Dialogue Senior Officials Meeting, Brussels	
29 October 2013	EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee, Kiev	
15 November 2013	Adoption of 3 rd Commission progress report on the VLAP	

26 March 2014	Visa Dialogue Senior Officials Meeting, Kiev	
14 May 2014	Joint Visa Facilitation Committee, Kiev	
Fourth quarter 2014 (date tbc)	Joint Readmission Committee, Brussels	JRC proposed on 17 June was postponed due to inability to travel of UA delegation

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 in June 2011 which was accepted in January 2014. The first technical negotiations took place in Minsk in June 2014. The results were encouraging, and negotiations could be finished for both agreements by the end of 2014, should an agreement be found on the issue of visa facilitation for holders of diplomatic passports.

Additionally, Belarus has confirmed its interest in starting negotiations with the EU on the text of a political declaration for a Mobility Partnership and is expecting the reaction of the EU. Belarus would like to start negotiations on the text in the beginning of November 2014.

Belarus has indicated informally that it would like to reinforce cooperation with EU agencies Europol, Eurojust, Cepol and Frontex, and if possible sign cooperation agreements with them. The 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. The European Dialogue on Modernization (DoM) with Belarusian Society was launched in March 2012.

Recent and upcoming events

29-30 May 2013	Workshop on law enforcement aspects of combating human trafficking, Minsk	
30 January 2014	Political launch of EU-Belarus Visa Facilitation/Readmission Agreement negotiations, Brussels	
12-13 June 2014	First technical round of VFA/RA negotiations, Minsk	
25 July 2014	Video conference call – exploring a EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership	
October 2014 (tbc)	Second technical round of VFA/RA negotiations, Brussels	

(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. A new comprehensive EU-Russia Agreement is under negotiation.

The Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements entered into force on 1 June 2007. On 11 April 2011 the Council adopted the mandate for the renegotiation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement but the negotiations are still ongoing.

The Visa Dialogue was launched in 2007 and in this 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 agreement might be launched.

In May 2011 Russia and EU launched a Dialogue on Migration. The Dialogue focuses on legal migration, migration and development, asylum and other forms of international protection, as well as on combating illegal migration and trafficking in human beings.

Most recently, EU and Russia have established Senior Officials Meeting on JLS matters which should meet once a year and should constitute the bridge between experts level discussion and political contacts (JLS PPC).

Recent and upcoming events

28 January 2014	EU-Russia Summit	
6-7 February 2014	6 th meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Stockholm	Theme: International Protection, Migration and Development, and field trip to Swedish asylum facilities
24-25 June 2014	7 th meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Moscow	Biometrics and migration IT systems
Not planned for the moment due to the sanctions on Russia	EU-Russia JLS Senior Officials Meeting	
1 or 2 July 2014 tbc	14 th EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee	
October/November 2014 (tbc)	Senior Officials Meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Brussels	
Autumn 2014 (tbc)	EU-Russia JLS PPC	
Second half 2014 or first half of 2015 (tbc)	8 th meeting of the Migration Dialogue, EU state hosting	Legal migration (tbc)
Second half 2014 or first half of 2015 (tbc)	Participation of FMS in a meeting of the EU National Contact Points on Integration	Addressing for example citizenship and language tests as a tool for migrant integration, integration indicators, the role of civil society and local authorities in the integration process, and/or equal treatment as a precursor for integration.
First half of 2015	Translation into Russian of the EU Migration Portal	Possibility for Russian experts to visit the European Commission to learn best practices in managing a migration portal.

(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. Visa facilitation and readmission agreements have been signed and are in the final phase of ratification (presumable entry into force summer 2014).

Recent and upcoming events

6-7 June 2011	Political dialogue meeting at ministerial level, Praia	
26 October 2012	Visit of President Barroso to Cape Verde	Signature of the Visa Facilitation Agreement.
18 April 2013	Signature of the Readmission Agreement, Brussels	

8 April 2014	Political Dialogue Meeting at Ministerial Level	Explore possible ways to strengthen MP
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<p>Nigeria <i>An EU migration mission visited Nigeria in April 2008. Six local dialogue meetings on migration and development have been organized in the last years, under the umbrella of the EU-Nigeria Ministerial meetings. In October 2013 the EU presented a draft text for a Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM) to Nigerian authorities.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
20 March 2013	6 th Dialogue on Migration and development	Nigeria expressed an interest in to upgrade cooperation in the context of the possible CAMM
16 May 2013	4 th EU-Nigeria Ministerial meeting, Brussels	Agreement to explore options to reinforce framework for cooperation in area of migration
10 October 2013	Transmission of draft text of CAMM political declaration to Nigeria	
11 February 2014	EU Nigeria working group on migration and development	First reaction of Nigeria on the text of the Common Agenda on Migration and Development
30 April 2014	Technical meeting on CAMM, Brussels	Provisional agreement on the draft text of the CAMM
27 November 2014	Signature of the CAMM, Rome	Back to back the Rabat Process Ministerial Conference

<p>South Africa <i>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.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
10 June 2013	EU/SA Ministerial meeting, Brussels	
18 July 2013	EU/SA Summit, Pretoria, Pretoria	

(F) ASIAN COUNTRIES

<p>China <i>The EU-China comprehensive strategic partnership came into force in 2003. China signed an Approved Destination Status (ADS) Agreement in 2004, facilitating the entry of Chinese tourists into EU Member States and including provisions on readmission. Formal negotiation of an EU readmission agreement, based on 2002 negotiating directives, has not started yet. Negotiation of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, including an article on readmission and visa cooperation, started in 2007.</i></p> <p><i>At the 14th EU-China Summit in February 2012 both sides 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. The 15th EU-China Summit reiterated these objectives, while calling for the launch an EU-China High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
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14 October 2013	EU-China High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility, Brussels	Provided basis for general information exchange and discussed broad parameters of cooperation package on visa-readmission.
20-21 November 2013	16 th EU-China Summit	Negotiations did not result in the consolidation of above cooperation package. Reply to EU letter on outcome of October HLD is being awaited. In the meantime contacts at technical level are taking place in Brussels and Beijing.

<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 EU-India 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. After the first EU-India migration dialogue meeting held in 2006, the December 2010 EU-India Summit emphasised the importance of movement of people, and agreed to deepen cooperation by establishing a regular, comprehensive and structured dialogue on migration issues.</i></p> <p><i>The 12th EU-India Summit discussed possible ways to facilitate mobility – a recurring Indian request – in parallel with preventing and combating irregular migration.</i></p> <p>Recent and upcoming events</p>		
10 February 2012	12 th EU-India Summit, India, Delhi	
2 July 2012	EU-India High Level Dialogue Meeting on Migration and Mobility, Delhi	Possible ways to strengthen cooperation with India were discussed, including the establishment of a EU-India working group on migration and mobility and of a CAMM.
30 January 2013	EU-India Ministerial Meeting	
4 February 2013	22 nd EU-India Joint Commission	Discussions on EU-India "non-political" cooperation, including on migration and mobility.
2 April 2013	Transmission of draft CAMM political declaration to India	Reply is still pending.
16-21 October 2013	DG HOME mission to India	Meetings on HLDMM and CAMM with respective Ministries of Gov.
2014 (date tbd)	13 th EU-India Summit,	India is again expected to table proposals in relation to visa facilitation/liberalisation.
Second half 2014 (date tbc)	EU-India High Level Dialogue Meeting on Migration and Mobility, Brussels	

(G) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

<p>USA</p> <p><i>Relations between EU and the US have been formalized in 1990 in the Transatlantic Declaration, and further developed in the New Transatlantic Agenda which outlined a new framework for cooperation including a number of areas for joint action. An EU-US Joint Statement endorsed by the EU-US JHA Ministerial Troika in October 2009 (the so-called "Washington Statement") sets out common values and</i></p>

foundations of EU-US cooperation in the JHA area until 2014 and includes a commitment to enhance both political and operational cooperation in various JHA issues.

Further to this commitment cooperation has been developed on migration and asylum issues in the context of the EU-US Cooperation Platform on Migration and Refugee issues, launched in 2010. Activities include areas such as unaccompanied minors, biometrics, refugee resettlement, trafficking in human beings, development of capacity building for migration management in third countries and contribution of the Diaspora to the development of countries of origin of migration.

Recent and upcoming events

24-25 February	EU-US JHA Senior Officials Meeting , Athens	Topics on the agenda include among others visa reciprocity, follow up to the HLD and preparations for the GFMD, EU-US Platform, Smart Borders, update on the EU Task Force Mediterranean
26 March 2014	EU US Summit, Brussels	The Joint Declaration reasserts the objective to reach full visa reciprocity as soon as possible
29 April 2014	Meeting of the Steering Committee of the EU-US Platform for cooperation on migration and refugee issues, Brussels	Priority actions for 2014 and consultations ahead of the GFMD
25 June 2014	EU-US JHA Ministerial Meeting, Athens	
17-18 September 2014	EU-US Senior Officials Meeting, Rome	Agenda includes : Visa reciprocity, ESTA, unaccompanied minors, EU-US Platform on Migration, update on EU Task Force Mediterranean, future migration outlook, update on Smart Borders
November (date tbc)	EU-US Ministerial Meeting, Washington D.C	

Part 3- The Global Process

GLOBAL FORUM FOR MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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.

The process emerged after the UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development on 14-15 September 2006. The second High-level Dialogue on 3-4 October 2013 confirmed the GFMD as a valuable forum for holding frank and open discussions, which has helped to build trust among participating stakeholders.

Recent and upcoming events

14-16 May 2014	GFMD Summit, Stockholm	Theme: Unlocking the potential of migration for inclusive development
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5 February 2015	Thematic GFMD Meeting, Geneva	Theme: Updating GFMD position on Post-2015
29 April 2015	Thematic GFMD Meeting, Geneva	Theme: Women, youth and children in migration
(TBC) 18-19 June 2015	Thematic meeting on strengthening the role of business in international migration, Istanbul	
3 September 2015	Thematic GFMD Meeting, Geneva	Theme: Human Mobility in the 21st Century
(TBC) September 2015	GFMD and G-20 Joint Event, Istanbul	
(TBC) October 2015	8th GFMD Meeting, Istanbul	

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