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Subject: Readmission of Indian and other third-country nationals - Difficulties encountered with the enforcement of measures to remove such persons from the Member States

- Note from the Belgian delegation 6611/94 ASIM 86

1. At the meeting of the Steering Group on Asylum and Immigration held in Athens on 16 and 17 May 1994, the Group on CIREFI was instructed to examine, following the example of similar work done by CIREA on Chinese and Vietnamese nationals, the question of the readmission of Indian and other third-country nationals removed from the Member States of the European Union, from the point of view of the difficulties experienced by many Member States as a result of the Indian or other third-country authorities refusing to issue travel documents for the repatriation of their expelled nationals or being obstructive about the issue of such documents.
2. With a view, therefore, to co-ordinated action by the Twelve to exert pressure on the Indian and other third-country authorities to speed up and facilitate procedures for the issue of travel documents for the purposes of the repatriation of their expelled nationals, the Presidency is circulating the attached questionnaire as a matter of urgency.

3. The purpose of the questionnaire is

- to collect the information required to give an accurate picture of the extent of the problem of the removal of Indian nationals in each Member State individually and in the Twelve overall, and**

- to extend research to the other main nationalities causing similar difficulties for the Member States with a view to drawing the necessary conclusions for the purposes of making further approaches to the Indian authorities and to the authorities of other third countries.**

4. To that end, delegations are asked to send their contributions to the General Secretariat of the Council by 20 June 1994.



QUESTIONNAIRE

PRIOR TO APPROACHES BEING MADE TO THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES AND TO THE AUTHORITIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH CREATE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPATRIATION OF THEIR NATIONALS

Member States are asked to provide the information below with a view to the above approaches being made. The questions refer to the years 1992 and 1993 and, where possible, to the first five months of 1994.

A. PROBLEMS WITH THE REPATRIATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS

I. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

1. What was the number of Indian nationals who could not be repatriated despite their being the subject of measures to remove them for various reasons?
2. Give details of the problems (practical, legal) which arise in connection with the provision by the Indian authorities of travel documents for Indian nationals for the purposes of their repatriation.
3. How many travel documents were issued by the Indian authorities for the repatriation of their nationals?
4. How many travel documents were refused by the Indian authorities for the repatriation of their nationals?
5. How many applications for travel documents received no reply from the Indian authorities?
6. Can you indicate the reasons given by the Indian authorities when travel documents were refused or applications went unanswered?

II. APPROACHES TO THE INDIAN AUTHORITIES

1. Can you state whether your country has already approached the Indian authorities in order to facilitate the issue of laissez-passer to Indian nationals? If so, give date(s). How did the Indian authorities react and what was the outcome?
2. Has your country approached the Indian authorities on the spot? If so, indicate date(s) and outcome.

B. PROBLEMS WITH THE REPATRIATION OF NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES

Apart from the Indian authorities, do authorities in other countries create major problems in connection with the repatriation of their nationals?

If so, list 5 countries in this category in order of their importance and give details of each one according to the questions contained in Section A under points I and II.
