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**NOTE**

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from: German delegation

to : Migration Working Party (expulsion)

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Subject: Protocol between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the  
Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on identification and the issue of  
laissez-passer

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On 22 April 1998 Germany and Morocco signed a Protocol on identification and the issue of  
laissez-passer.

The purpose of the agreement is to accelerate the procedure for the identification and return  
home of Moroccan nationals who are required to leave Germany.

The Protocol establishes the procedure and the methods for determining the nationality of  
Moroccans who are to be expelled. If it is not possible to prove nationality by means of  
documents, the person concerned is to be interviewed by the competent Moroccan consular  
representation. However, the Moroccan side is not given the right to interview such a person  
in German penitentiary institutions. If appropriate, an identification procedure in Morocco is  
required.

In addition, provisions are included on the expulsion procedure and the assignment of costs.  
Expulsions generally take place by air.

The text of the Protocol published in Germany's Official Journal and a translation into French  
are attached.

In 1997, 397 Moroccans were returned to Morocco, while in 1998 (up until 31 July) the  
number was 246.