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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 2023)

Third Country	Irregular border crossings ¹ (Frontex)			Asylum recognition rate ² (Eurostat)	Visa refusal rate ³
	2023	January-April 2024	2015-2022	2023	2023
Guinea	21 693	2 424	59 160	30%	44%
Senegal	20 089	3 928	28 195	17%	40%
Tunisia	18 210	2 243	71 950	7%	23%
Côte d'Ivoire	17 910	653	52 776	27%	33%
Morocco	16 108	3 477	101 435	5%	22%
Bangladesh	15 506	3 795	67 959	5%	40%
Egypt	12 874	2 778	43 740	6%	23%
Mali	12 251	8 545	41 619	69%	44%
Türkiye	11 852	2 948	41 539	25%	15%
Pakistan	10 843	1 033	98 877	11%	42%
The Gambia	9 247	1 078	35 670	13%	50%
Sudan	7 648	840	36 076	65%	36%
Algeria	7 233	1 605	63 438	9%	35%
Cameroon	6 309	557	23 163	25%	30%
Iraq	5 487	585	175 944	42%	33%
Somalia	4 131	589	43 457	61%	32%

¹ The data presented refers to detections of illegal border crossing rather than the number of persons, as the same person may cross the external border several times. Data as provided by Member States to Frontex and retrieved on 18 June 2024.

² 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.

³ Source: EU Visa Information System. The number of visas refused divided by the number of visas applied for by nationality.

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Nigeria	3 146	236	89 432	13%	34%
Sierra Leone	2 848	382	6 723	19%	39%
Iran	2 519	313	47 969	44%	28%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 900	147	12 745	25%	26%
Ethiopia	1 250	360	8 816	36%	32%
Congo	793	62	7 706	16%	36%
Ghana	742	172	17 418	6%	42%
Cuba	726	5	1 066	14%	23%
India	519	127	9 767	1%	12%
China	497	238	442	63%	5%
Nepal	467	124	1 058	2%	40%
Sri Lanka	185	32	1 433	19%	31%
Kosovo *	176	12	26 947	8%	12%
Burundi	154	10	2 501	67%	35%
Azerbaijan	32	14	84	12%	8%
Armenia	16	5	140	4%	14%
Vietnam	3	0	1 878	2%	11%
Cabo Verde	1	0	4	25%	19%

* 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.