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NOTE

from : the General Secretariat

to : Migration Working Party

Subject: Countries to be considered on a priority basis in the context of an inter-pillar examination of return problems (doc. 11904/96 ASIM 163)

Delegations will find hereby a compilation of the suggestions received on the above-mentioned subject from the following Member States: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Luxemburg, Austria, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal did not submit any particular suggestions in this matter.

A table is attached in annex, containing a survey of all suggestions received.

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BELGIUM

- Morocco
- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
- China
- Algeria
- India and Pakistan
- Russia.

DENMARK

- Ethiopia
- Vietnam
- India
- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

GERMANY

In the view of the German delegation, the following countries might be discussed:

- Morocco
- India
- Bangladesh.

There is a close connection with Pakistan in relation to these problems.
Algeria and Ghana might also be discussed.

GREECE

The Hellenic authorities would like the Council to take measures against Turkey's refusal to admit the return of third-country nationals to their countries of origin through the Turkish territory, although it is proven that these persons have entered Greece and other Member States via Turkey.

SPAIN

This kind of problem is not confined to the below-mentioned countries, but they are the ones most often concerned and are listed in descending order of magnitude.

- Algeria
- China
- Nigeria.
- Liberia
- Somalia.

IRELAND

While Ireland supports the Presidency's approach in this matter, it does not have any particular suggestions regarding countries of concern.

LUXEMBURG

- Algeria
- China
- Yugoslavia
- Morocco.

AUSTRIA

On the basis of Austrian statistical records concerning illegal immigrants, the number of Eritrean and Ethiopian nationals is very small. The Austrian delegation therefore sees little interest in discussing these countries and problems of readmission relating to them.

Likewise, as regards the return of Nigerian and Pakistani nationals (which depends on the embassies in Vienna), there are no major problems to report concerning the acquisition of substitute travel documents.

Major problems exist mainly in procuring substitute travel documents for Chinese, Liberian, Algerian and Afghan nationals as well as for Bangladeshi and Vietnamese nationals.

In general it can be said that with the exception of the North African States, Nigeria and Ghana, all the other African States pose problems as regards obtaining substitute travel documents.

In addition, Austria would appreciate a discussion regarding return to the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

FINLAND

- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Nigeria
- Vietnam.

SWEDEN

Sweden would like to discuss the countries listed in doc. ASIM 163 in the following order:

- Vietnam
- Ethiopia
- Erithrea
- (- Pakistan
- Nigeria).

For the moment we have no problems regarding return to Pakistan and Nigeria.

We would also much appreciate a discussion regarding return to the Republic of Yugoslavia.

UNITED KINGDOM

- China
- Algeria
- India
- Ethiopia.

There are other countries of interest to the United Kingdom in this context but they are not of the same order of concern as those listed above.

ANNEX

	B	DK	D	GR	ES	F	IRL	I	L	NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK
Algeria	x		x		x				x		x				x
Afghanistan											x				
Bangladesh			x								x				
China	x				x				x		x				x
Eritrea													x	x	
Ethiopia		x											x	x	x
Ghana			x												
India	x	x	x												x
Liberia					x						x				
Morocco	x		x						x						
Nigeria					x								x		
Pakistan	x														
Russia	x														
Somalia					x										
Turkey				x											
Vietnam		x									x		x	x	
Fed.Rep.of Yugoslavia	x	x							x		x			x	
Africa ⁽¹⁾											x				

(1) other African states (excl. Nigeria, Ghana)