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**Subject: Communication on a publication of the specific list of third countries with a recognition rate of 20% or lower by Eurostat**

Dear Ambassador,

On 12 June the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum enters into full application.

One of the novelties of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum is the **mandatory asylum border procedure** pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 <sup>(1)</sup>; It is applied, among other grounds, to applicants for international protection of a nationality or, in case of stateless persons, a former habitual resident of a third-country for which the recognition rate calculated based on the latest available yearly Union-wide average Eurostat data is 20 % or lower<sup>(2)</sup>.

Eurostat in its capacity of the statistical office of the European Union publishes such Union-wide average data on a yearly basis<sup>(3)</sup>. In addition, in order to support the work of the Member States for the implementation of the asylum border procedure, Eurostat has also published a **specific list of third countries with a recognition rate of 20% or lower**.

You can find that list under the following link:

[Countries of citizenship with an asylum recognition rate for international protection of 20% or lower.](#)

Please note that as of 2026, such list of low recognition rate countries ( $\leq 20\%$  recognition rate) will be published on a yearly basis on Eurostat's website, following verification and consolidation of the data for the previous calendar year submitted by 26 Member States, so all EU Member States but excluding Denmark. The list will be based on source data available to Eurostat on the date of its publication. This list will not be republished once

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<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive 2013/32/EU, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1348/oj>.

<sup>(2)</sup> Article 42(1)(j) of the Regulation (EU) 2024/1348

<sup>(3)</sup> The relevant consolidated data for 2025 on asylum decisions (including recognition rates) for 26 Member States (except Denmark) had been published by Eurostat on 24 April 2026 via a dynamic link: [\[migr\\_asydec1pc\]](#).

the source data changed due to delayed or revised submissions by Member States. It is therefore the responsibility of Member State's competent authorities to consult on a regular basis the data in the [dynamic link](#) for any subsequent updates.

I would appreciate if you could share this information with your competent authorities, I hope they will find this additional guidance helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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