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**Annex 16**

**Third countries whose nationals or specific categories of such third country nationals**

**who are subject to prior consultation [[1]](#footnote-1)**

Under Article 22 of the Visa Code, a Member State may require the central authorities of other Member States to consult its central authorities during the examination of visa applications lodged by nationals of specific third countries or specific categories of such nationals.

Such consultation does not apply to applications for airport transit visas.

The table below lists the third countries and the specific categories concerned. When a third country is listed it means that at least one Member State requires such prior consultation.

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| **Third countries** | **Specific categories concerned, if applicable** |
| Afghanistan |  |
| Albania[[2]](#footnote-2) |  |
| Algeria |  |
| Armenia |  |
| Azerbaijan |  |
| Bangladesh |  |
| Belarus |  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina2 |  |
| Chad |  |
| D.R. Congo |  |
| Egypt |  |
| Eritrea |  |
| Ethiopia |  |
| Iran |  |
| Iraq |  |
| Jordan |  |
| Kazakhstan |  |
| Kenya |  |
| Kirgizstan |  |
| (North) Korea |  |
| Kosovo2 [[3]](#footnote-3) |  |
| Lebanon |  |
| Libya |  |
| Mali |  |
| Mauritania |  |
| Morocco |  |
| Niger |  |
| Nigeria |  |
| Pakistan |  |
| Palestine[[4]](#footnote-4) |  |
| Russian Federation | Applies to nationals of the Russian Federation |
| Rwanda |  |
| Saudi Arabia |  |
| Somalia |  |
| South Sudan |  |
| Sri Lanka |  |
| Sudan |  |
| Syria |  |
| Tajikistan |  |
| Tunisia |  |
| Turkmenistan |  |
| Uzbekistan |  |
| Vietnam |  |
| Yemen |  |

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| **Category of persons** |  |
| Refugees |  |
| Stateless Persons |  |

1. *Version 01.03.2023* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Nationals of these countries and territories can enter the EU visa-free. Prior consultation is only required if one

   of the exceptions to the visa exemption applies under Regulation 2018/1806 and a short-stay visa has been

   applied for under the Visa Code. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ

   Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)