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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission evaluation of readmission agreements

In February 2011 the Commission released its first evaluation of the readmission agreements which have been concluded by the European Union or on which negotiations are underway. In this context, a number of questions still need to be answered.

1. Have all the EU Member States already transposed the provisions of the Return Directive (2008/115/EC) into national law? Which have and which have not done so?
2. What steps does the Commission plan to take to convince the remaining Member States to transpose the Return Directive?
3. What solution or alternative does the Commission propose in response to the problem that has been raised of a shortage of funding for negotiating readmission agreements?
4. What reasons have readmission-agreement partner countries given for refusing to readmit third-country nationals to their territory?
5. What are the reasons for Member States' not requesting the readmission of third-country nationals even though a readmission agreement provides for their return?
6. What are the reasons for Member States' not returning nationals of a partner country to that partner country?
7. Does the Commission support an extension of detention periods?
8. Readmission agreements are binding on both sides, yet the evaluation does not assess readmission to the EU. How many EU citizens have been returned to the EU under a readmission agreement?