

**Question for written answer E-004418/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Visa liberalisation for Georgia

According to an analysis by the Netherlands National Police<sup>1</sup>, in the first nine months of 2016, 707 crimes were recorded in which an asylum-seeker was the suspect. In the case of 460 of them (65%), the suspects came from a safe country of origin. Many of these asylum-seekers came from Georgia, Albania, Morocco and Algeria. Earlier this year, Georgia concluded an agreement on visa liberalisation with the EU.

1. Is the Commission aware of comparable figures in other EU Member States?
2. Does the Commission agree that, in the case of Georgia, these figures could prompt a decision to trigger the system for suspension of visa liberalisation, in view of the risk to public policy and internal security?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.politie.nl/wob/korpsstaf/2017-rapportages-over-criminaliteit-en-vreemdelingen.html>