

**Question for written answer E-004733/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-wide return agreements

Individual Member States are trying to initiate diplomatic discussions with third countries that are considered to be safe, with the aim of concluding agreements for the return of third country nationals who are not granted protection, and who do not have the right to stay in a Member State, to their country of origin. Such agreements are proving to be difficult for Member States to negotiate bilaterally on an individual basis.

To this end, what is the Commission doing to help secure agreements for the return of third country nationals who have not been granted protection by any Member State and who come from one of the following safe countries: Morocco, Cameroon, Namibia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Benin, Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Niger, Togo, South Africa, Senegal, Nigeria or Tanzania?