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## NOTE

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**Question 74.** In answers (Statistics) to this Question it can be noted that in some of the new Member State Embassies inside the Schengen Area the rejection rate is 5 - 10 %. The same Member States have a rejection rate of 1 – 2 % in Kiev, Ukraine. The average rejection rate of the Schengen Embassies in Kiev is 15 %.

- a) Is it possible to specify the reason for this, i.e. why the rejection rates of applications received from the Schengen Area is bigger than those concerning applications received from outside the Schengen Area?

*In case of Slovak Embassies abroad, the refusal rate of applications received by the Slovak embassies situated in Schengen area is not bigger than the refusal rate of applications received by Slovak embassies situated in extra-Schengen area (see also the attachment to question No. 74 of the Questionnaire).*

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- b) Do your Embassies follow the rejection rates of the other Member States and are they aware of the reasons to the rejections of the other Member States?

*The exchange of information regarding the rejections rates and/or the reasons on refusals of the Schengen Member States embassies accredited in respective territory are carried out within the local consular co-operation. The scope of information depends on the level of local consular co-operation. In some territories the exchange of information regarding the statistic data is carried out within local consular co-operation. In other territories only the exchange of general information on refused applications is carried out (e.g. presentation of false/faked document by the concrete application). In a few territories, high risky areas, the local consular co-operation works very well, the statistical information on refusals and the reasons on refusals are regularly exchanged within the EU embassies. There are also territories where the local consular cooperation does not deal with the statistic data or reasons on refusal at all; the local consular cooperation is not focused on this issue (mainly among the EU embassies situated in Schengen Area.).*

- c) Do you follow the exchange of statistical information on the issuing of uniform visas (Doc. 9749/05 VISA 134 COMIX 377 of 3 June 3 2005 + COR 1 of 2 August 2 2005).

*The consular department follows the exchange of statistical information on issuing of uniform visas (laid down by abovementioned documents).*

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