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1. AGREEMENTS IN FORCE

<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate received</i>	<i>First Round</i>	<i>Agreement signed</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Coupled with Visa Facilitation Agreement</i>
Hong Kong	April 2001	October 2001	27 November 2002	1 March 2004	No
Macao	April 2001	October 2001	13 October 2003	1 June 2004	No
Sri Lanka	September 2000	July 2001	4 June 2004	1 May 2005	No
Albania	November 2002	May 2003	14 April 2005	1 May 2006	¹
Russia	September 2000	January 2003	25 May 2006	1 June 2007	²
Ukraine	June 2002	18 November 2002	18 June 2007	1 January 2008	³
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	November 2006	1 December 2006	18 September 2007	1 January 2008	Yes
Bosnia&Herzegovina	November 2006	20 December 2006	18 September 2007	1 January 2008	Yes
Montenegro	November 2006	15 December 2006	18 September 2007	1 January 2008	Yes

¹ Visa facilitation was offered to Albania (together with the other WBalkan countries) after the readmission agreement had already entered into force.

² Visa facilitation was offered when readmission negotiations had already started but were not progressing.

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Serbia	November 2006	4 December 2006	18 September 2007	1 January 2008	Yes
Moldova	December 2006	9 February 2007	10 October 2007	1 January 2008	Yes
Pakistan	September 2000	April 2004	26 October 2009	1 December 2010	No

2. AGREEMENTS SIGNED

<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate received</i>	<i>First Round</i>	<i>Agreement signed</i>	<i>Entry into force</i>	<i>Coupled with Visa Facilitation Agreement</i>
Georgia	November 2008	2 April 2009	22 November 2010	1 March 2011	Yes

3. ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS NOT YET FORMALLY LAUNCHED

<i>Country</i>	<i>Mandate received</i>	<i>First Round</i>	<i>Last round to date</i>	<i>Coupled with Visa Facilitation Agreement</i>
Morocco	September 2000	April 2003	15 th formal round on 10 May 2010	No
Turkey	November 2002	May 2005	7 th formal round on 17 May 2010 Additional meeting between the negotiators on 14 January 2011 in Ankara	No
Cape Verde	June 2009	13 July 2009	12 October 2010	Yes
China	November 2002			No
Algeria	November 2002			No