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Dear sir / madam,

Thank you for your enquiry of 7 January in which you requested information on visas'. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

Statistics on the number of visa applications, number of visas issued, number of visa applications refused, number of withdrawn applications, number of lapsed and resolved visa applications and the overall refusal rate shown as percentage for the Standard Visitor visa for years 2015, 2016 and 2017 for nationals of the following countries - Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and Ukraine.

Response

The data you have requested is in the attached Annex.

The data is provided up to 30 September 2017 as in line with current stats.

These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months



to <u>foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk</u>, quoting reference 46790. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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