

The present report to the European Parliament and the Council describes in detail the different phases of the suspension mechanism and the dialogue the Commission held with Vanuatu. The report is submitted in compliance with Article 8(7) of the Visa Regulation.

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Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have expressed support for revoking Vanuatu's visa-free arrangement with the European Union (EU) due to security concerns related to the country's citizenship-by-investment scheme.

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In January 2022, the European Commission proposed a partial suspension of Vanuatu's visa-free travel

agreement with the EU, citing security "risks posed by Vanuatu"s investor citizenship schemes."

During the dialogue, the EU invited Vanuatu for a discussion regarding quality infrastructure investments and possible cooperation with the EU in funding them under the Global Gateway strategy to further solidify the EU-Vanuatu partnership.

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