

**Question for written answer E-004264/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Visa-free travel with Venezuela and other Latin American countries and threats to the EU's internal security

Parliament has supported amending the rules to make it easier to suspend visa-free travel from countries that pose a threat to security or commit serious human rights violations¹. The amended regulation will soon enter into force. Venezuela, ruled by a regime that is hostile to us, with a penitentiary system in a state of collapse and ineffective public institutions, including health and psychiatric care, is a growing source of uncontrolled migration. Poland has already seen violent crimes committed by citizens of South American countries². At the same time, in Colombia and Mexico, we are once again witnessing alarming developments related to drug cartels and political violence. The Polish authorities have also broken up drug factories controlled by Latin American cartels³. This comes as the United States is stepping up its fight against drug cartels and dangerous criminal groups, such as the Sinaloa Cartel, by classifying them as terrorist organisations⁴. In the face of increasing pressure, European authorities must be prepared for a possible influx of criminals seeking new sources of revenue and new areas of criminal activity. EU statistics show that, despite the great geographical distance, it is citizens of Venezuela and Colombia who currently constitute the largest cohort of asylum seekers⁵.

1. Does the Commission perceive in its analyses the growing problem of organised crime and migration from South America?
2. Is the Commission considering applying the mechanism provided for in the amended regulation to suspend visa-free travel from Venezuela and, if necessary, from other countries in Latin America?

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¹ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20251003IPR30660/more-flexible-visa-suspension-mechanism>

² https://nowosci.com.pl/czy-19-letni-wenezuelczyk-był-poczytalny-sledztwo-w-sprawie-zbrodni-w-parku-glazja-w-toruniu-trwa/ar/c1p2-27870423#google_vignette

³ https://niezalezna.pl/polska/polscy-antyterrorysci-kontra-czlonkowie-kartelu-narkotykowego-zobacz-to-wideo/551427#google_vignette

⁴ <https://www.state.gov/designation-of-international-cartels>

⁵ <https://euaa.europa.eu/news-events/asylum-applications-down-23-first-half-2025>