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Question for written answer E-002552/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Country Threat Assessment

The European External Action Service provides a categorisation of the threat status of all states. The country threat assessment (CTA) categorises the threat status of countries as 'low', 'moderate', 'significant', 'high', and 'critical'.

1. What specific data, and from which organisations, does the European External Action Service use to produce the CTA?
2. What assessment categories are there and how are the individual countries assigned to a category?
3. Since when and on what basis has the threat status of Germany been classified as 'significant' and what was the previous classification?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The European External Action Service uses data from various organisations for the country threat assessment. Terrorism (T) data is sourced from Dragonfly's terrorism tracker and includes the number of incidents, fatalities, and injuries.

Crime (C) combines the intentional homicide rate per 100 000 inhabitants (70%) and the kidnapping rate (30%). Data comes from the United Nations (UN) Office on Drugs and Crime and Seerist's kidnapping risk map.

Civil unrest/political violence (CU/PV) data is based on the World Bank's worldwide governance indicators. Armed conflict (AC) is assessed using the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research's conflict barometer.

Travel safety (TS) includes road, air, rail, and maritime categories, with data from the World Health Organisation, International Civil Aviation Organisation, EU air safety list, Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, and Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control. Health situation (HS) data is from the international SOS risk map.

Hazards (HZ) data covers natural disasters and industrial accidents from the Joint Research Centre's INFORM Risk Index, the UN International Atomic Energy Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency's world factbook.

Countries are assessed in the above-mentioned categories and overall using weighted averages: T and C (22.5% each); CU/PV and AC (15% each); TS and HZ (10% each); HS (5%).

Germany's ratings for the current release are T: 4, C: 2, CU/PV: 2, AC: 3, TS: 1, HS: 1, and HZ: 3, resulting in a significant overall threat level 3. Germany has held this threat level since 2019, except in 2023, when it was moderate (2).
