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The **Greek Asylum Service** through the Directorate of Returns and Revocations is actively involved into the mechanism of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR), providing updated information to the operational stakeholders as regards to the asylum seekers who are not entitled international protection and consequently, they are potential returnees. However, certain specific conditions in countries of origin may lead the aforementioned stakeholders that are assigned to carry out the returns in the field, to temporarily suspend AVRR activities.

The following table, based on the latest available information to the Greek Asylum Service, provides an overview on the **suspensions of returns**, as of 17 April 2023 (The list is internally reviewed on a regular basis):

Region	Country/Territory	Suspension Scope	Determining Factor
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Ukraine	Full suspension	Crisis (prevailing security situation in the whole country).
	Moldova	Partial suspension	Operational challenges (partial closure of airspace)
	Republic of Türkiye	Full suspension: Adiyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Malatya.  Partial suspension/pre-departure clearance: Mersin, Adana, Elazığ, Gaziantep, Diyarbakır, Kilis, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa.	Operational challenges and prevailing security situation in the area due to natural disaster

East and Horn of Africa	<b>Federal Republic of Somalia</b>	<i>Partial suspension:</i> AVRR are suspended in areas other than Mogadishu, Baidoa, Kismayo, Dollow, Jowhar and Baletweyne and <i>Puntland region (Garowe, Bosasso, and Galkayo).</i>	<i>Crisis and Operational challenges</i> (prevailing security situation in South and Central Somalia)
	<b>Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</b>	<i>Partial suspension:</i> AVRR are fully suspended for returns to all areas in Tigray region, as well as in the certain areas of Afar (Zone Three (Gabi Rasu): Gelalo, Gewana, Hanruka) and Amhara regions (North	<i>Crisis</i> (prevailing security situation in parts of the country)

Southern Africa		Gondar Zone: Adi Arekay (Addi Arkay); North Wello Zone: Raya Kobo (Kobo); Wag Hamra Zone: Abergele, Tsagele, Zekuala).	
	<b>Democratic Republic of the Congo</b>	<i>Partial suspension:</i> AVRR are fully suspended in North and South Kivu, with the exception of Goma and Bukavu. AVRR are also suspended in Ituri.	<i>Crisis</i> (prevailing security situation in North and South Kivu and Ituri)
Middle East and North Africa	<b>Gaza</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	<i>Operational challenges</i> (limited operational presence and access constraints)
	<b>State of Libya</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	<i>Crisis</i> (prevailing security situation in the whole country)
	<b>Syrian Arab Republic</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	Return conditions are not met yet.
	<b>Republic of Yemen</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	<i>Crisis</i> (prevailing security situation in the whole country)
	<b>Republic of the Sudan</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	<i>Crisis</i> (prevailing security situation in the whole country).
	<b>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	<i>Political and Operational challenges</i>
Asia and the Pacific	<b>Republic of the Union of Myanmar</b>	<i>Partial suspension</i>	<i>Political instability and Operational challenges</i>
	<b>Islamic Republic of Afghanistan</b>	<i>Full suspension</i>	<i>Crisis</i> (prevailing security situation in the whole country)

Central  
America, North America  
and the Caribbean

Haiti

Full suspension

Operational (deteriorated  
security Conditions)

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