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## **Review of the Department's Terrorist Watch List Nomination (Visas Viper) Process**

This review found the Department of State's program for watch-listing suspected terrorists, i.e. the Visas Viper program, on the whole to be functioning well. Every overseas diplomatic post is required to have a Visas Viper committee that meets and reports to the Department and the National Counterterrorism Center at least monthly regarding known or suspected terrorists. In response to an Office of Inspector General survey questionnaire sent to all diplomatic and consular posts, 96 percent of the respondents (222 posts) reported having a Visas Viper committee and 94 percent of the respondents (217 posts) reported meeting and reporting to the Department monthly.

Although on the whole the Visas Viper program is functioning well, this review identified several areas where the Department can make improvements in the program.

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