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**TRAVEL RISK MAP 2024:  
THE WORLD FROM AN LGBTQ+  
PERSPECTIVE**

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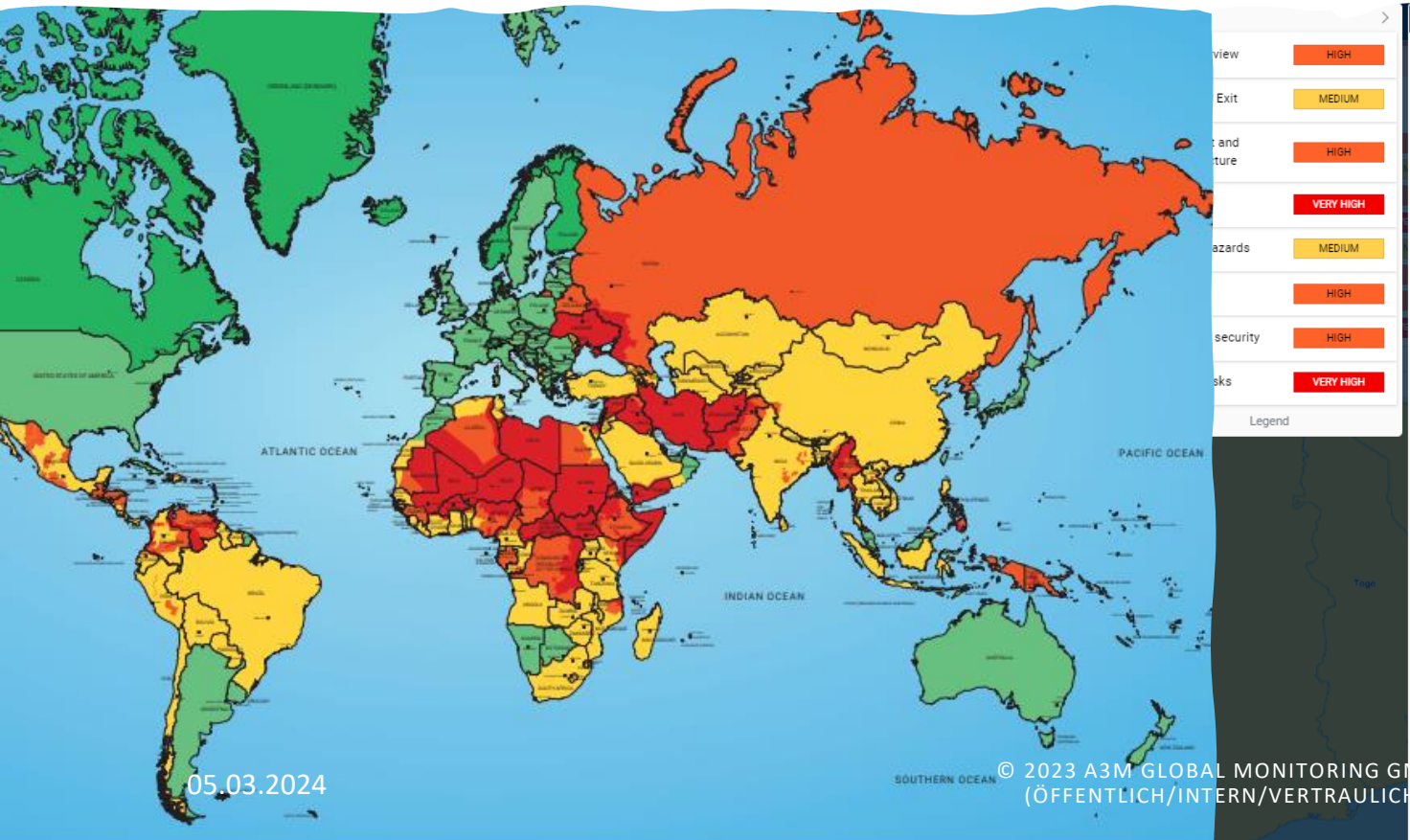
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- Our teams of analysts analyse world events around the clock
- We evaluate, categorise, georeference and summarise all relevant events
- We can send out push alerts to our clients via various channels
- We service almost all major German tour operators
- We also provide our services to many corporate customers



We also produce risk dossiers for every country and publish an annual travel risk map

- Overall, we factor in over 80 criteria in our evaluations
- Criteria range from entry restriction to infrastructure and from natural hazards to crime and security
- Factors that could impact certain cultural groups such as solo female travellers and the LGBTQ+ community are also taken strongly into account



### Country: Nigeria

**Nigeria**

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NAME	Nigeria
OFFICIAL NAME	Federal Republic of Nigeria
LOCAL OFFICIAL NAME	Jamhuriyar Taraiyar Nijeriya
ISO	NG (NGA)
CURRENCY	Naira (NGN)
CAPITAL	Abuja (UTC +1)
NATIONAL DAY	01. October (Independence Day)
PHONE PREFIX	+234
POLICE	Lagos: 767 or 112; Abuja: 199 or 112
AMBULANCE	119 or 112
FIRE	119 or 112

#### Risk Overview

- **Travel Security:** Trips to Nigeria, especially outside of the capital Abuja and the city of Lagos, should be based on a sound and professional security concept designed in collaboration with a trustworthy partner or a reputable security company in Nigeria.
- **Travel Security:** Generally, all business trips (transport, accommodation) to Nigeria should be thoroughly planned, and ideally in close coordination with the local business partners and/or colleagues familiar with the country.
- **Entry and Exit:** Please note the current regulations of the Federal Foreign Office, as the situation may change at short notice.

# Which sources did we use?

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- Destination Pride
- Equaldex
- Foreign Ministries: AA, DOS/OSAC, FCDO
- Gay Travel Index / Spartacus
- Human Dignity Trust
- Human Rights Watch
- International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association
- LGBTQ+ Travel Safety Index / Asher Fergusson & Lyric Fergusson



# How do we rate the countries?

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## Level 1 / dark green

- Low risk; LGBTQ+ travellers rarely encounter issues
- Generally positive perceptions of LGBTQ+ individuals

## Level 2 / light green

- Legal, but societal perceptions are not always positive, especially outside of cities. Negative attitudes mostly affect the local population
- LGBTQ+ travellers rarely encounter issues
- PDA can lead to problems or unwanted attention

## Level 3 / yellow

- Legal, but discrimination present (e.g. same-sex marriages/partnerships not recognised, couples denied accommodation in hotels, difficulties accessing medical care, etc.)
- Structural homophobia/transphobia (e.g. discrimination when dealing with the police and authorities), including structural violence
- Prosecution based on moral laws / fines



# How do we rate the countries?

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## Level 4 / red

- Illegal
- Wearing clothes that do not match the gender assigned at birth is criminalised/illegal
- LGBTQ+ travellers are at risk of persecution, arrest, and/or deportation
- Alternative gender markers on travel documents are illegal or not recognized

## Level 5 / dark red

- Illegal
- Sexual and gender minorities may face imprisonment (including life sentences), corporal punishment, and the death penalty

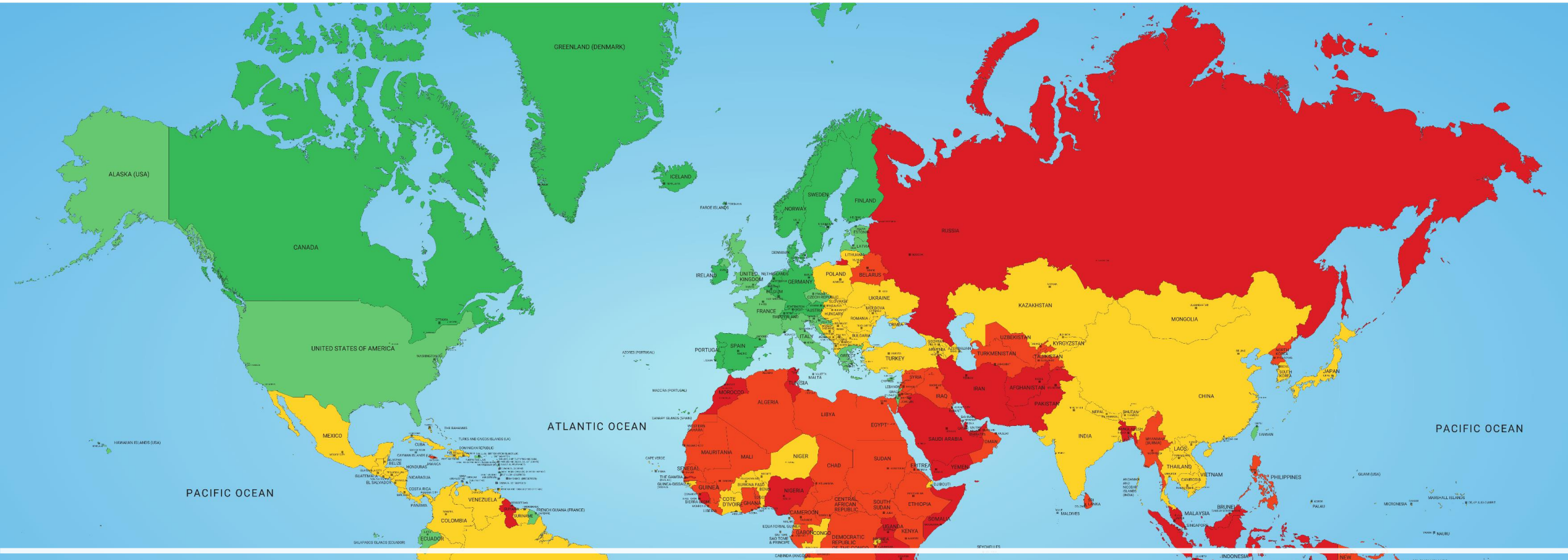




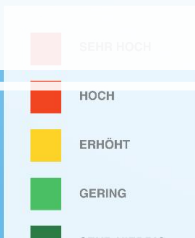
# The state of LGBTQ+ rights globally

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- LGBTQ+ individuals may face severe discrimination and/or prosecution in 170 countries (Levels 3, 4, and 5)
- 67 countries criminalise same-sex acts and/or transgender identity
- 59 countries impose prison sentences for LGBTQ+ individuals
- 8 countries impose corporal punishment on LGBTQ+ individuals
- 12 countries have legal framework allowing the death penalty



## The Risk Map 2024 from a LGBTQ+ Perspective





# Top 10 safest destinations for LGBTQ+ travellers

- Canada
- Malta
- Denmark
- Iceland
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Uruguay
- Spain
- Belgium
- French Polynesia



# Top 10 most improved countries concerning LGBTQ+ policies/attitudes

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- Barbados
- Mauritius
- Cook Islands
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Singapore
- Greece
- Andorra
- Slovenia
- Cuba



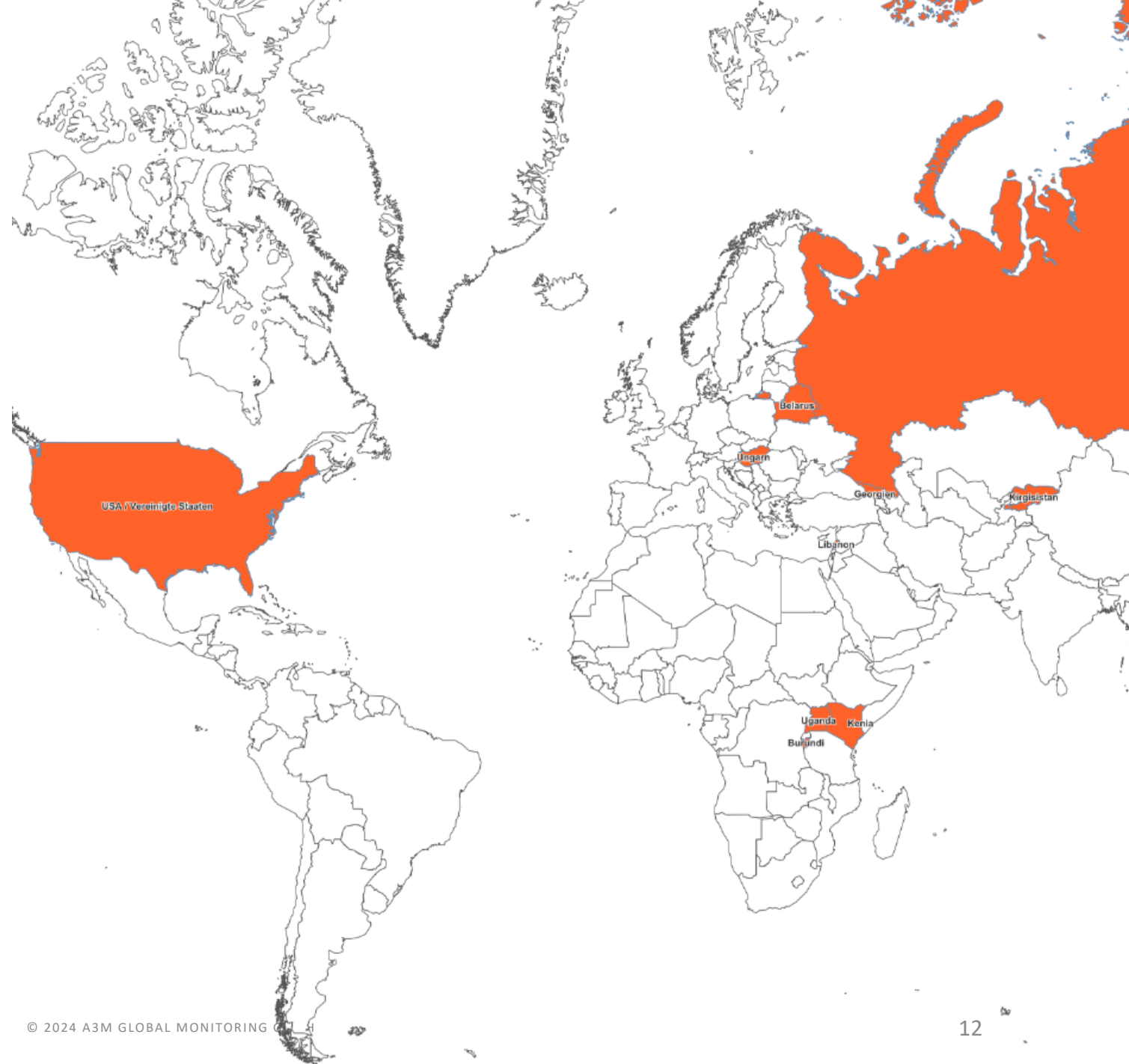
# Top 10 most dangerous destinations for LGBTQ+ travellers

- Saudi Arabia
- Iran
- Yemen
- Afghanistan
- Nigeria
- Somalia
- Malaysia
- UAE
- Russia
- Tanzania



# Top 10 countries with greatest deterioration of LGBTQ+ policies/attitudes

- Uganda
- Russia
- Lebanon
- Hungary
- Kyrgyzstan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Burundi
- Kenya
- USA



From the community for the community: The LGBTQ+ Travel Risk Map 2025 must address the following limitations:

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- The existence of a legal framework does not necessarily mean that the law is applied accordingly
- The situation for travellers is often different from the situation for the local population
- Local experts are needed to gain a more holistic picture of the real-world experience for LGBTQ+ travellers



## Plans for the Risk Map 2025 aim at involving local LGBTQ+ experts

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- Establishment of a network of local experts jointly with the ITB
- To learn more about the everyday experience of LGBTQ+ individuals
- Questionnaire with over 70 questions about :
  - Documentation / Entry
  - Government Agencies
  - Healthcare
  - Social Perception (Popular Opinion)
  - Hotels / Accommodations





# LGBTQ+

Our aim is to publish an improved **LGBTQ+ Risk Map 2025** with country ratings based on community input

Download your  
copy of the LGBTQ+  
Risk Map here







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