

**Table V.4. Government policies on immigration of highly skilled workers, 2005 and 2013**

| Year                                   | Number of countries |          |       |                 |       | Percentage |          |       |                 |       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|
|                                        | Raise               | Maintain | Lower | No intervention | Total | Raise      | Maintain | Lower | No intervention | Total |
| <b>By level of development</b>         |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| <i>World</i>                           |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 30                  | 79       | 5     | 20              | 134   | 22         | 59       | 4     | 15              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 68                  | 78       | 8     | 18              | 172   | 40         | 45       | 5     | 10              | 100   |
| <i>More developed regions</i>          |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 17                  | 19       | 0     | 5               | 41    | 41         | 46       | 0     | 12              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 26                  | 18       | 2     | 1               | 47    | 55         | 38       | 4     | 2               | 100   |
| <i>Less developed regions</i>          |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 13                  | 60       | 5     | 15              | 93    | 14         | 65       | 5     | 16              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 42                  | 60       | 6     | 17              | 125   | 34         | 48       | 5     | 14              | 100   |
| <i>Least developed countries</i>       |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 1                   | 8        | 1     | 8               | 18    | 6          | 44       | 6     | 44              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 7                   | 14       | 1     | 12              | 34    | 21         | 41       | 3     | 35              | 100   |
| <b>By major area</b>                   |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| <i>Africa</i>                          |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 1                   | 6        | 1     | 12              | 20    | 5          | 30       | 5     | 60              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 12                  | 12       | 2     | 15              | 41    | 29         | 29       | 5     | 37              | 100   |
| <i>Asia</i>                            |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 8                   | 26       | 4     | 1               | 39    | 21         | 67       | 10    | 3               | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 17                  | 22       | 4     | 1               | 44    | 39         | 50       | 9     | 2               | 100   |
| <i>Europe</i>                          |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 13                  | 18       | 0     | 5               | 36    | 36         | 50       | 0     | 14              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 23                  | 16       | 2     | 1               | 42    | 55         | 38       | 5     | 2               | 100   |
| <i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i> |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 4                   | 24       | 0     | 1               | 29    | 14         | 83       | 0     | 3               | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 10                  | 21       | 0     | 1               | 32    | 31         | 66       | 0     | 3               | 100   |
| <i>Northern America</i>                |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 1                   | 1        | 0     | 0               | 2     | 50         | 50       | 0     | 0               | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 0                   | 2        | 0     | 0               | 2     | 0          | 100      | 0     | 0               | 100   |
| <i>Oceania</i>                         |                     |          |       |                 |       |            |          |       |                 |       |
| 2005                                   | 3                   | 4        | 0     | 1               | 8     | 38         | 50       | 0     | 13              | 100   |
| 2013                                   | 6                   | 5        | 0     | 0               | 11    | 55         | 45       | 0     | 0               | 100   |