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Delegations will find attached an updated list of countries issuing biometric passports.

COUNTRIES ISSUING BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS

COUNTRY	ALREADY ISSUING BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS – YES/NO	IF NO, WHEN
Austria	Yes	
Belgium	Yes	
Bulgaria	No	At the beginning of 2007
Cyprus	No	Probably 1st half 2007
Czech Republic	Yes (01.09.2006)	
Denmark	Yes (01.08.2006)	
Estonia	No	In 2007, probably 1 st half
Finland	Yes	
France	Yes (April 2006)	
Germany	Yes (November 2005)	
Greece	Yes (01.09.2006)	
Hungary	Yes (29.08.2006)	
Iceland	Yes (23.05.2006)	
Ireland	No	Target November 2006
Italy	No	October 2006
Latvia	No	2007
Lithuania	Yes (28.08.2006)	
Luxembourg	Yes	

COUNTRY	ALREADY ISSUING BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS – YES/NO	IF NO, WHEN
Malta	No	Targeted for 2007
Netherlands	Yes	
Norway	Yes (01.10.2005)	
Poland	Yes	
Portugal	Yes	
Romania	No	01.01.2007
Slovakia	No	2007
Slovenia	Yes	
Spain	Yes (14.08.2006)	
Sweden	Yes	
Switzerland	Yes	
United Kingdom	Yes	