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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Non-recognition of the Russian Federation's non-biometric travel documents - Request by the Czech Delegation for an AOB item

Delegations will find in the annex a note from the Czech Delegation concerning non-recognition of the Russian Federation's non-biometric travel documents. The topic will be included as an "Any other business" item on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council on 22 July 2024.

AOB item requested by Czechia for the FAC

(22 July 2024)

- Czechia would like to raise an AOB point on non-recognition of the Russian Federation's non-biometric travel documents.
- As non-biometric travel documents can be easily falsified and abused for other purposes, we recognize **only biometric travel documents** issued by the Russian Federation, including diplomatic and service passports. This decision is being implemented from July 15, with two months transitional period, and will be notified to the European Commission.
- The purpose of this decision is to narrow the space for malign intelligence activities of the Russian Federation on the territory of Czechia or other EU Member States, thereby limiting its ability to commit hostile acts.
- The decision is fully in accordance with Art. 4 of the Decision No. 1105/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- Czechia is calling on other Member States to join this initiative.
