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Press Release

Conversion of PIO into OCI cards

From 2018, International Civil Aviation Organization will accept only machine readable travel documents. The existing PIO cards which are hand written, will, therefore, become invalid travel documents after 2018. It is therefore essential that PIO card holders obtain machine readable OCI cards in place of existing hand written PIO cards before 2018 to avoid any inconvenience.

PIO card holders are therefore advised to get PIO cards converted into Machine readable OIC cards on grant basis **before 31 December 2017**.

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