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### UPDATE ON BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS

The Embassy has recognized lately, the growing anxiety among compatriots over the fate of the intended migration to the issuance of biometric passports by Ghana's diplomatic representations.

While appreciating the underlying factors fuelling the current sentiments, it wishes to assuage any concern, since efforts are being made to ensure the attainment of a satisfactory outcome for all stakeholders.

Again, suffice it to state that the inception of the International Civil Aviation Organization's decision on Passports, generally affects hand written passports. Thus, the current machine readable ones with its limited features, will continue to be a legal travel document after November 2015. However, it must be stressed that, some member states of the Organization have served notice of their inability to process non biometric passports at their entry and exit points after November 2015 ( the Embassy will soon publish the list of those countries). What this means is that only those with machine-readable passports who have to transit the countries which will be listed shortly, should endeavour to change their valid machine-readable passports before embarking on their journey.

The Embassy will promptly communicate any further developments on this issue

  
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