

# PASSPORT TO SECURITY

## Improving the security of travel documents



States across the OSCE area face a worrying and growing threat from the movement of foreign terrorist fighters, traffickers and criminals who are using fraudulent passports to travel undetected.



FOREIGN TERRORIST FIGHTERS



TRAFFICKING



IRREGULAR MIGRATION

**“For terrorists, travel documents are as important as weapons”**

The 9/11 Commission Report\*

\* You can access the report here:  
<https://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report.pdf>

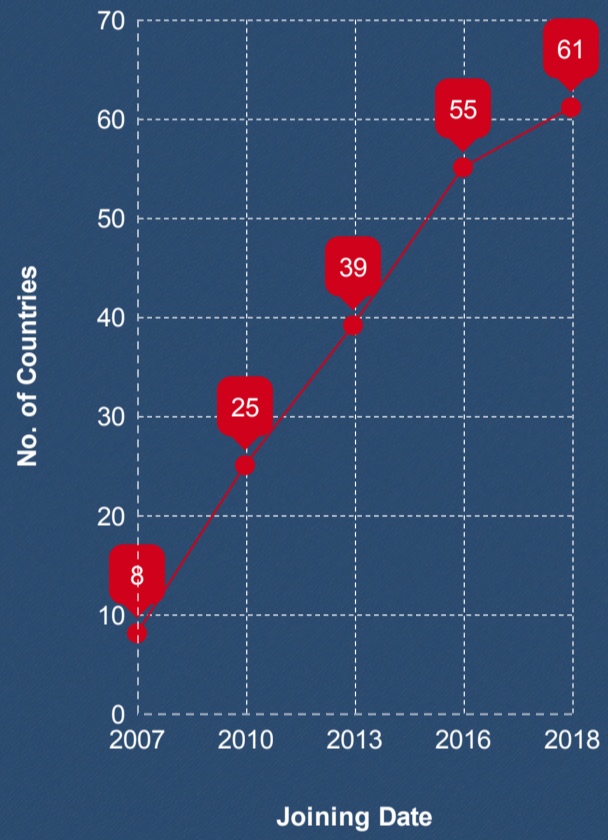
## SOLUTION

More and more countries globally are adopting fraud-resistant e-passports with sophisticated security features as a tool to prevent the movement of terrorists and criminals across borders. But this is not enough.

Other countries must be able to read the e-passport to confirm its authenticity.

Countries can do this in a fast and cost-effective way by using the International Civil Aviation Organization Public Key Directory (ICAO PKD).

Countries using ICAO PKD



## HOW THE OSCE CAN HELP

The Border Security and Management Unit of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department provides technical support to OSCE participating States wishing to join the ICAO PKD through:



Creating regional road maps to outline steps for countries that want to join the ICAO PKD



Country visits by OSCE experts to meet the key decision-makers and implementers



Hiring technical experts to provide on-site, operational support to countries joining the ICAO PKD

### TIMELINE

OSCE's support to participating States in joining the ICAO PKD

**2009** Ministerial Council Decision calls on all participating States issuing or intending to issue ePassports and/or implementing automated checks on e-passports at border controls to join the ICAO PKD

**2012** Capacity-building training in Moldova

**2013** Moldova joins the ICAO PKD

**2015-2017** Two capacity-building workshops in Turkmenistan

**2017** Turkmenistan joins the ICAO PKD

**30** out of **57**

OSCE participating States are ICAO PKD members



**25** out of **57**

OSCE participating States issue e-passports but are not members of ICAO PKD

