



# Status of Upgrade to Electronic

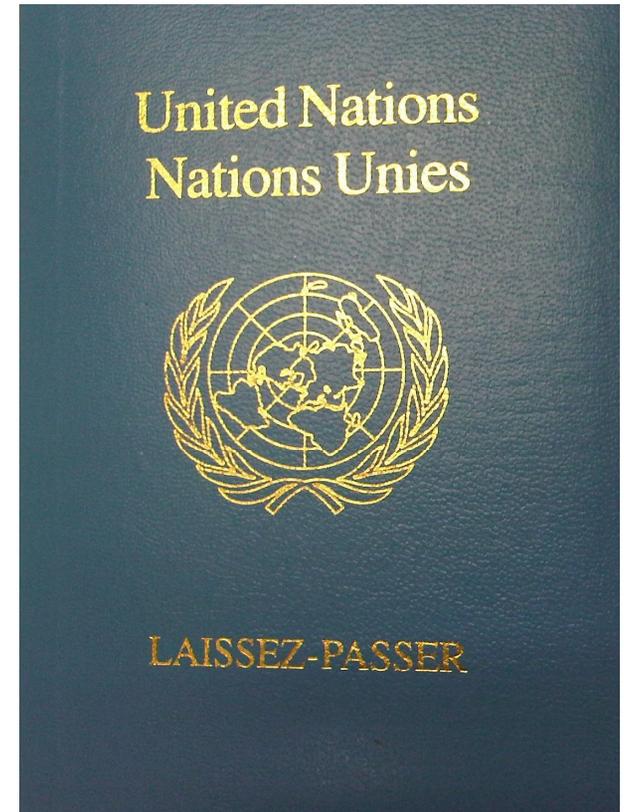
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## United Nations Laissez-Passer

# What is a UN Laissez Passer?



- ❖ Used to identify staff eligible for protection under the relevant Conventions on the Privileges and Immunities of the UN and its Specialized Agencies.
- ❖ Only to be used when travelling on behalf of the United Nations.
- ❖ Nationality and birthplace are not represented. Individual is travelling as an International Civil Servant, not a national of their home country



- ❖ **65,000 in circulation**
- ❖ **15,000 issued annually**

# Ideal Time to Upgrade

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- ❖ Machine readable since 2001, however two exceptions to April 2010 Mandate
  - Books physically renewed past their initial expiry in line with contract extensions
  - Dependents allowed in their Parent's UNLP
- ❖ Secure printing features and design due for update
- ❖ Technology in place to facilitate change
  - eMRTD well tested and stable
  - "One-UN" initiative allows for broader cross-checking of applicants
- ❖ Only 56 out of 193 member states accept UNLP for visa waver
  - Delays rapid deployment of skilled staff in a crisis response

# Strategic Partnership



- ❖ Unique relationship between ICAO and UN
- ❖ Partnership is a commitment not only to adopt eMRTD technology, but to meet and exceed the best standards for it.
- ❖ Mutual goal is to be an example for Member States to follow
- ❖ ICAO has consulted on the entire process
  - Evaluating needs of the UN
  - Drafting the Request for Purchase
  - Evaluating the proposals
  - Advising on technical terms of the contract
  - Provide expert analysis of new document features
  - Continues to be engaged through implementation and launch.



# Three Prong Approach

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- ❖ Upgrade to eUNLP Document
  - Procure eMRTD booklet stock & personalization equipment
  - Follow doc 9303 in both letter and spirit
  - Join ICAO PKD
- ❖ Strengthen systems and procedures
  - Continually improve applicant validation as various systems of record become available through “One-UN”
  - Issue new eUNLP handling rules following ICAO Assessment Guide
  - Procure facial recognition system
- ❖ Educate holders on value of eUNLP
  - Asset of the organization not personal property
  - Accountability for safekeeping

# The New eUNLP

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- ❖ Contract in place with De La Rue for booklets and personalization system
  - Making design decisions
  - Finalizing functional specification
- ❖ Emphasis on secure printing features in addition to chip
  - Unique security background per page
  - Bespoke multi-tonal cylinder mould made watermark
  - Laser perforated serial number
- ❖ Making arrangements for CSCA
  - Once finalized, will take steps to join PKD



- ❖ **Targeted launch first half of 2012**

# Focus on Process

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- ❖ Upgrade issuance *guidelines* to *rules* using ICAO Assessment Guide best practices
- ❖ Ongoing application process improvements since 2007
  - Centralized real-time system used to manage and check the identities of applicants using fuzzy in-line search
  - Continue adding systems to cross check
    - Human Resources, phone and computer accounts
  - Will be adding facial recognition component with launch of eUNLP
- ❖ Stock handling controls tightened
  - Operators cannot pick booklet to be personalized must use next available
  - No one individual can produce a UNLP



# Culture of Accountability

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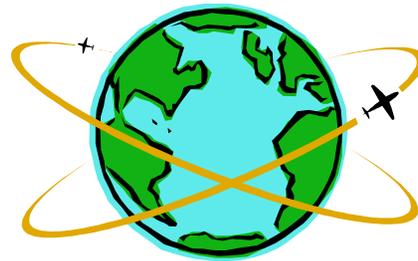
- ❖ New electronic booklet used as opportunity to remind holders of value of document.
  - Stronger language on responsibilities of holder printed in new eUNLP
- ❖ New application and usage procedures broadcast to applicants as old style UNLPs are replaced
  - Clear penalties for failure to safe keep eUNLPs introduced for both holders and administrators tasked with accounting them

# Projected Outcome

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- ❖ To have the eUNLP be of an equal or greater security profile to any National Passport issued by our member states
- ❖ To maintain the existing 56 Member States granting Visa Waiver while removing any obstacle preventing the remaining 136 from also granting Visa Waiver



- ❖ **Benefit:** As more Member States grant this waiver to the eUNLP our staff will benefit from safer and more efficient travel to and from their missions

# Questions

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**Thank you for your time!**

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