



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON MACHINE READABLE
TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (TAG/MRTD)**

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

Montréal, 21 to 23 May 2014

Agenda Item 2: Activities of the NTWG

EVIDENCE OF IDENTIFICATION (EOI)

(Presented by the New Technologies Working Group)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the TAG/MRTD 21 Meeting, the Secretariat presented a technical report “Towards Better Practice in National Identification Management”. Based on feedback from TAG members, the draft document was reviewed and eventually evolved into a shorter and more concise version titled “Guidance on Evidence of Identification (EOI)”. The documentation is now referenced as version release: 3, status: draft 5, date: 30 April 2013 and is available for download on the ICAO website.

1.2 The conclusion at TAG/MRTD/21 was to acknowledge the work done on the report and to approve the continuation of the development of the report under the responsibility of the NTWG.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The ICAO TRIP strategy articulates four pillars, which provide a framework for the supporting mechanisms that will assist States to establish and confirm the identity of travellers. Guidance material is one of the key mechanisms for supporting States. Any ICAO guidance material, however, needs to evolve in order to meet the practical needs of States over time.

2.2 It has been noted by NTWG and ICBWG members that the ongoing development of the EOI guide should take into account experiences drawn from a broad range of contexts and case-studies, and would benefit from additional expertise related to civil registration.

3. **CURRENT STATUS**

3.1 The experts from the NTWG subgroup on Evidence of identity met twice since TAG/MRTD/21:

- on the occasion of an OSCE-OSCE ODHIR Expert Roundtable on Addressing the Link between Travel Document Security and Population Registration/Civil Registration Documents and Processes (26-27 November 2013, Warsaw): one among others main findings insisted on the necessity that the international community needs to continue dialogue on the possibility of developing assistance related to the establishment and validation of identity during travel document issuance; and
- at a specific meeting on EOI, in Paris (9 January 2014): the subgroup agreed on the clarity and availability of the existing guide and the scope and intended audience as the TRIP will move in the direction of the mission of assisting States with best practices in identity management.

3.2 During last NTWG meeting, in Paris (2-4 April 2014), the report and conclusion for the continuation of the work was presented and it was agreed that a proposal to:

- transfer the work to the ICBWG as this guide on EOI will be used by this working group in the mission of providing States with guidance on establishing evidence of identity to properly identify individuals for travel; and
- to continue being updated in parallel via the regular reports in each working group NTWG and ICBWG.

4. **ACTION BY THE TAG/MRTD**

4.1 The TAG/MRTD is invited to approve the proposal to transfer the ownership of the Guide to the ICBWG that could be best placed to own and develop the document from this point, with regular updates to be made to NTWG.

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