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**Closing Remarks by Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer,  
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**13th ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (ICAO  
TRIP) Symposium and Exhibition  
(Montréal, 24 - 26 October 2017)**

Distinguished Delegates and Guests,

Sponsors and exhibitors,

Speakers and presenters, participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. As Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation of the Air Transport Bureau, I am honored to close the thirteen edition of the ICAO TRIP Symposium and Exhibition.
2. It has been a great pleasure to welcome you these week and ICAO greatly appreciates the time and thoughtful viewpoints you have shared with us.
3. The 2017 TRIP Symposium was centered around the theme of “Making Air Travel more Secure and Efficient”, reflecting the fact that well-designed security technologies also support the improvement of the passenger experience and the efficiency of facilitation processes more generally.



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4. While benefitting from the event and its workshops, 2017 TRIP Symposium participants also enjoyed a wide-ranging exhibition showcasing the latest industry technology and process innovations.
5. We were around 650 participants, representing 84 States, 14 international organizations and industry partners.
6. Taking in consideration this level of participation as well as the quality the given presentation, I have no doubt that this highly anticipated event has been very informative and successful for all of us with the objective to implement the ICAO TRIP Strategy aiming to identify for sure each traveller from the beginning to the end of a typical air travel journey including evidence of identity, document design and issuance.
7. New ideas and technologies will help to achieve this goal. In this regard, the exhibition outside this hall provided an opportunity to see the latest solutions on facilitation processes and on minimizing risk in document fraud.
8. The value of a Machine Readable Travel Document (MRTD) is measured by the trust and confidence placed in it. The document's physical composition is one important aspect of inspiring this confidence while, the criteria applied in determining entitlement are very important considerations. There should be a level of confidence that the bearer and the document are both legitimate.



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9. This chain of trust has many links that must all support the collective foundation for reliable border checks.
  
10. We have heard many views and examples over the last three days on the challenges, opportunities and achievements that come with our work in this field:
  
11. The need for secure breeder documents to ensure robust evidence of identity
12. The security enhancements in our new MRTDs and ePassports
13. The massive national investments in travel document issuance
14. The importance of accurately reading ePassports at our borders
15. The role of global databases to help manage risks to aviation
16. The need for constant vigilance to combat fraud
  
17. The important role of the ICAO Public Key Directory was also reiterated many times toward ensuring the authentication of ePassports. This is important to help improve – and maintain – border security and facilitation.
  
18. Much was spoken too of the important Resolutions of the United Nations in the area of aviation security and facilitation. These touch all aspects of the work being conducted on traveller identification.



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19. They highlight the important role of global airlines in tracking the movement of higher risk passengers, recognized the important of national authorities sharing advanced passenger information (API) to help mitigate associated risks, and also how the many international organizations in this field are working together.
20. This is a high point for me to end on because it is a great example of how we must all continue to work together – across all borders and organizational boundaries – as we strive to keep international civil aviation safe, secure and enjoyable for all passengers.
21. Cooperation, in all its forms, remains the fundamental premise upon which the relationship between ICAO, its Member States and our many industry partners is built. This forum was an invaluable opportunity to shape the future of global traveller identification together.
22. It remains for me to offer my sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this seminar a success. It would be impossible for me to name every person involved in this great team effort. But I would just like to highlight:
23. All our government and industry partners for their excellent presentations and exhibits;
24. And all of the ICAO teams who have worked diligently, largely behind the scenes, to enable us to enjoy this week's programme.
25. And while we look forward to welcoming you to the Fourteenth Symposium and Exhibition on the Traveller Identification Programme next year, I wish you all safe travels home.
26. Thank you