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Machine Readable Convention Travel Documents (MRCTDs) – a humanitarian challenge in the area of travel documents

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MRCTDs – Background

A specific travel document for refugees, based on the
- 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees

and for stateless persons, based on the
- 1954 Convention relating to the status of stateless persons
Old format of CTDs
MRCTDs – the new format and specimen
eMRCTDs – the new format and specimen
The MRCTD Guide

Guide for Issuing
Machine Readable Convention Travel Documents
for Refugees and Stateless Persons

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The MRCTD Guide

Part I – Legal and administrative framework
1. National legal framework
2. Organizational structure and travel document issuing authority
3. Application process
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5. Book production and personalization
6. Issuance, withdrawal and lost and stolen MRCTDs
7. Security of MRCTDs
The MRCTD Guide

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1. General characteristics of MRCTDs
2. General Lay-out of the MRCTD data page
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Appendix: MRCTD specimens
1. MRCTD for refugees
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Read the Guide at:

- http://www.icao.int/Security/mrted/Pages/Guides.aspx

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