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ICAO RD, México

Subject: **Reminder - Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO MRTDs, Biometrics and Security Standards**
(Montreal, Canada, 21-23 September 2009)

Action
required: Registration of participants by 5 August 2009

Sir,

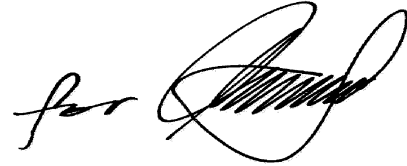
I would like to make reference to the State Letter EC 6/8.5.4-09/50 dated 19 June 2009, distributed by the State Letter Electronic Distribution regarding the invitation to the Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs), Biometrics, and Security Standards from 21 to 23 September 2009, at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada. As in previous years, an exhibition will complement the symposium and highlight important products and services related to MRTDs, biometric identification, security applications and border inspection systems.

The symposium is directed at a wide and varied audience that includes Contracting States identity and travel document issuance authorities; immigration, customs and other border inspection and law enforcement entities as well as migration and refugee organizations. Also invited are companies offering a wide variety of technologies that enable sound international identity and border management, and academics engaged in relevant disciplines. The registration fee for this symposium will be waived for up to two participants from each State. The State letter and its attachments are enclosed with this letter for your convenience.

In order to finalize the arrangements for this event, I encourage you to complete and send this Office the enclosed registration form no later than **5 August 2009**, or take advantage of online registration available on the ICAO MRTD website (<http://www.icao.int/mrtdsymposium/2009>).

If your State has already registered participants for this important event, please disregard this communication.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'for Jose Miguel Ceppi', written in a cursive style.

Jose Miguel Ceppi
Regional Director
South American Office

Attachment:
State letter and its attachments



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Ref.: EC 6/8.5.4-09/50

19 June 2009

Subject: Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on
ICAO Machine Readable Travel Documents,
Biometrics and Security Standards
Montréal, Canada, 21 to 23 September 2009

Action Required: a) disseminate this letter as indicated
in the final paragraph; and b) register online or
by sending the completed registration forms by
15 July 2009

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that ICAO will hold its Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs), Biometrics and Security Standards, from 21 to 23 September 2009 at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada. As in previous years, an exhibition will complement the Symposium and highlight important products and services related to MRTDs, biometric identification, security applications and border inspection systems.

This Symposium will outline ICAO's pivotal role in coordinating the development and implementation of the MRTD Programme and the global initiative to strengthen effective, secure and integral travel document issuance and border control, as well as border security programmes. The Symposium will also move toward a policy-level perspective that will emphasize States' needs for the future and the type of travel documents that will be required. The forum will also focus on how MRTDs can stem the flow of illegal international migration, while facilitating that which is legal. Finally, this event will provide insight into the technological content and tools that are needed to address the demands of the present and future, and will further emphasize the increasingly effective coordinated effort of several multilateral organizations, in order to combine resources and expertise for common global mobility purposes.

The Symposium is directed at a wide and varied audience that includes Contracting States' identity and travel document issuance authorities; immigration, customs and other border inspection and law enforcement entities; as well as migration and refugee organizations. Also addressed are companies offering a wide variety of technologies that enable sound international identity and border management, and academics engaged in relevant disciplines. Participants will benefit from exchanges on:

- an enhanced sense of government decision making in terms of longer term policy direction;
- insight into the nature of technologies that the international travel document communities will require in coming years;
- a clearer understanding of the priorities of the coming decade in terms of border management, as well as document issuance and identity management; and
- a number of best practices, lessons learned, case study examples and much more.

The preliminary programme for the Symposium includes the main features and benefits of globally interoperable and ICAO-compliant MRTDs, including biometric-enabled versions with enhanced identification confirmation. Presentations will emphasize the importance of secure ICAO-standard travel documents in national aviation security programmes, including border control inspections using machine reading systems for documents incorporating biometrics that check document authenticity, as well as the use of the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD). Attention will also be given to the security of the issuance process, including identity management.

Efforts are being made to encourage and assist States that have not yet done so, to issue ICAO-standard Machine Readable Passports by the April 2010 deadline. Other States are also encouraged to upgrade to ICAO standard ePassports to the extent possible, and to use the related biometric technology in their issuing process, to further enhance security and facilitation.

A programme outline is presented in Attachment A. Although the presentations and handouts will be available only in English, simultaneous interpretation will be available in French, Spanish and Russian, as required.

The registration fee for this Symposium will be waived for up to two participants nominated by each State. All other participants will be required to pay a registration fee as per the registration fee schedule outlined in Attachment B. You are accordingly invited to nominate two participants on the enclosed registration form in Attachment C, using one registration form per participant.

I would encourage you to distribute the contents of this letter and attachments to all the appropriate departments in your national administration, such as: passport issuing offices; border control and national security agencies; airline companies; airport authorities; and other interested parties. Prospective participants may register online. Up-to-date information on the Symposium, as well as online registration, will be available on the ICAO MRTD website (<http://www.icao.int/mrtdsymposium/2009>).

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Taïeb Chérif
Secretary General

Enclosures:

- A — Programme Outline
- B — Registration fee schedule
- C — Registration form

**FIFTH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION ON ICAO MRTDs, BIOMETRICS
AND SECURITY STANDARDS**

Montréal, 21 to 23 September 2009

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

1. Opening statement outlining ICAO's pivotal role in coordinating the development and implementation of the MRTD Programme; to strengthen effective, secure and integral travel document issuance and border security programmes and initiatives, to detect and prevent criminal and terrorist mobility.
2. The United Nations Global Counter-terrorism strategy and the importance of promoting travel document security, particularly with regard to ensuring the integrity of the systems through which these documents are issued and the inspection, verification and examination of such breeder documents.
3. How increased travel document security can improve the effectiveness of overall border control and counter-terrorism and criminal activities.
4. MRTDs as a key to making the movement of legitimate and properly documented travellers simpler, faster and in general a much more enjoyable process.
5. Threat assessment and risk management as essential security measures to help thwart identity theft, illegal migration, trans-border crime and terrorism.
6. Identity management and privacy protection in the handling and issuance of MRTDs to assist in preventing legitimate documents from being issued to terrorists or criminals under false identities.
7. Assessment of States' future needs and the next generation of MRTDs and systems.
8. Overview of the ICAO MRTD Programme, describing the benefits of globally interoperable MRTDs and the advantages of having biometric ePassports conform to ICAO and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standards.
9. The essential importance of the implementation of the ICAO Public Key Infrastructure for the issuance of electronic MRTDs, and the need for wider participation in the ICAO PKI to achieve global security.
10. Enhancing border control security through machine reading systems for the inspection of MRTDs and biometrics in ePassports. Automated passenger clearance systems using ePassports and other biometric identification documents.
11. Urging States that have not yet done so to issue ICAO standard MRPs by the April 2010 deadline, while encouraging all States to issue ePassports so as to further enhance security and facilitation.
12. Overview of efforts by ICAO and other international and regional organizations and agencies to assist States in implementing and improving the secure and integral issuance and management of identification and travel documents and border control systems.
13. Concluding summary presentation.

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ATTACHMENT B to State letter EC 6/8.5.4-09/50

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REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

The schedule for registration fees for the Fifth Symposium and Exhibition on ICAO MRTDs, Biometrics and Security Standards is as follows:

	U.S. \$
a) Speakers, Technical Advisory Group members and observers	Free of charge
b) Designated State representatives (two per State)	Free of charge
c) ICAO staff members and resident delegations	Free of charge
d) State participants (outside the two-per-State quota)	\$595.00
d) Academics and students	\$145.00
e) Industry associations and organizations	\$795.00
e) Others	\$995.00



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Montréal, 21 to 23 September 2009

REGISTRATION FORM

*Mr./Mrs./Ms. *Last Name *First Name Initial(s)

*Title/Position

*Office/Organization/Company

*Address

*City State/Province Postal/Zip Code *Country

*Telephone Fax *E-mail

* Information essential

Each ICAO Contracting State may register two participants free of charge.

For registration, please mail, fax or e-mail this form to the following address by **15 July 2009**:

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International Civil Aviation Organization
999 University Street
Montréal, Québec H3C 5H7
Canada

Fax: + 1 (514) 954-5061 Website: www.icao.int/mrtdsymposium/2009 E-mail: mrtdsymposium@icao.int

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