

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON
MACHINE READABLE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

Fifteenth Meeting

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Agenda Item 3: Report of the New Technologies Working Group (NTWG)

Agenda Item 3.2: Future work programme of the NTWG

**ICAO-OECD COOPERATION IN
INFORMATION SECURITY AND PRIVACY**

(Presented by the New Technologies Working Group (NTWG))

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The proposal for joint Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - International Civil Aviation Organization (OECD-ICAO) work on Enhancing International Travel Security (EITS) follows the Joint OECD-ICAO Ad hoc Meeting on EITS, held in London in September 2003. The meeting demonstrated that OECD expertise and experience in information security and privacy policies complemented that of ICAO in interoperability protocols and technical standards and policies for international air travel. OECD and ICAO representatives agreed to report on the joint London meeting to their respective organisations and to support continued joint work to enhance international travel security. Further contacts between the Working Party on Information Security and Privacy (WPISP) and the ICAO New Technologies Working Group (NTWG) suggested that continued and closer cooperation between OECD and ICAO would be fruitful.

1.2 The core objective of the cooperation project between the OECD and the ICAO is to develop a policy and technical framework for an information technology infrastructure capable of real-time data transmission, including biometric identifiers in travel documents, with the aim of improving border-crossing security while ensuring travel facilitation and protecting personal privacy. The framework is intended to be data-neutral and technology-neutral with respect to personal data, biometrics, and security technologies, with flexibility to accommodate varying national approaches. It is envisioned that member countries would use this framework when developing specific applications to enhance international travel security, whether on a bilateral or multilateral basis.

2. **FORMATION OF A JOINT TEAM OF EXPERTS**

2.1 The proposal to create a joint team of experts was first discussed at the Oslo WPISP meeting in October 2003. At its Hague meeting in February 2004, the NTWG agreed to the proposal and nominated 4 experts to participate in the joint team and to provide technical advice on travel documents, biometrics, and systems architecture as they may relate to this project.

2.2 **List of NTWG experts**

Australia	Mr. Joe Feld, Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
Netherlands	Mr. Sjef Broekhaar, Personal Records and Travel Documents Agency Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations
New Zealand	Mr. David Philp, Department of Internal Affairs
United States	Mr. Brad Wing, Department of Homeland Security

At its March 2004 meeting, the WPISP also nominated 8 experts on privacy and information security to work on the project with the NTWG experts.

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

3.1 The TAG/MRTD is invited to decide whether to recommend approval of this proposed collaboration between OECD and ICAO.