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The Integrity of the Issuance Process: ICAO Guide for Assessing Security of Handling and Issuance of Travel Documents

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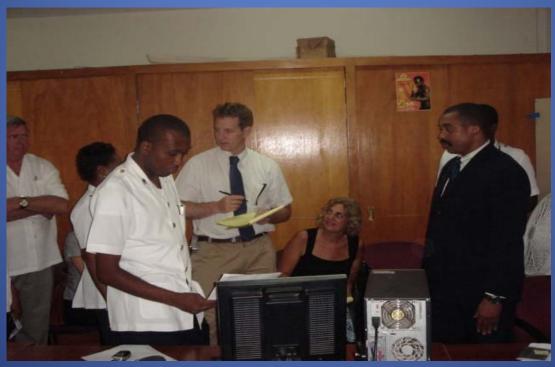
ICAO Standards and Specifications

- Passport documents have become much more difficult to counterfeit
  - more widely accepted as a secure identity and travel document.
- The issuance process is increasingly the target for fraud
- **ICAO Standards and Specifications**
  - Annex 9 (Facilitation) to the Chicago Convention (ICAO)
    - *Standard 3.8 Contracting States shall establish controls on the creation and issuance of travel documents in order to safeguard against the theft of their stocks and the misappropriation of newly issued travel documents.*
    - Standard 3.10 - ICAO Deadline to issue MRPs – 01 April 2010.
  - ICAO DOC 9303
    - Specifications for Machine Readable Travel Documents
- Challenge : from standards and specifications to increasing the security of the issuance process

Why was "The Guide" created?

- To assist passport issuing authorities assess their passport issuance systems.

What is the Guide?

Part 1: Best Practices on Secure Issuance of Travel Documents

Recommends best practices to mitigate security threats to the travel document issuance process

Part 2: Assessment Guide

Evaluation checklists to assess security of each component of the issuance process and identify gaps relative to the recommended best practice

What does the Guide cover?

Travel Document Issuing Authority Structure & General Security	Facility Security
Application Process	Information Technology Security
Entitlement Process	Protecting and Promoting Personal and Agency Integrity
Treatment of Materials and Blank Books	Lost and Stolen Travel Documents
Personalization and Delivery	Overseas Issuance
Document Security	

Where can I find "The Guide"?

ICAO MRTD Site – Downloads at:

http://www2.icao.int/en/MRTD/Pages/
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Questions?