

# Emergency Travel Documents

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# Agenda

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## The story so far

- NTWG Brussels – March 2009
- TAG – December 2009
- ICAO Symposium – November 2010
- NTWG Bern – May 2011
- ICBWG - September 2011
- TAG - September 2011

## The Issue (1)

- Travel documents have become more secure and more difficult to tamper with
- As a consequence travel documents may become the weak link in the chain

## The Issue (2)

- No current guidance on Emergency Travel Documents
  - Annex 9 does not apply to emergency documents
  - 9303 used for MRTDs
- Recent events have shown issuance of travel documents is still necessary

## Where we are

- Where we were:
  - TAG Approval
  - Draft TR
- Now:
  - Sub-working group
  - Discussion Paper for consultation
  - ICRC
  - Working Paper for TAG

# Terminology (1)

- **Terminology Used**
- For the purposes of this discussion paper, the term 'Emergency Travel Document' will be used to describe travel documents issued by states to their citizens in situations where it is not possible to issue a regular full validity passport.

## Terminology (2)

- It also includes documents issued by state or non-state entities to citizens of other states or non-state entities, for example where citizens cannot access consular services while abroad, or where NGOs issue documents during a crisis.
- This does not include documents issued in situations where the state chooses to issue a regular passport book with limited validity.

## Scope of Project

Set out the reasons why Emergency Travel documents are issued.

Highlight the variations that exist around the issuance of emergency travel documents

Consider the level of threat that such documents pose

Recommend best practices in order to strengthen the issuance/security of these documents against potential attack from fraudsters.

## Aims of Discussion Paper

- This discussion paper therefore seeks views on the various options and considerations relating to the issuance, format, and usage of emergency travel documents, from the various stakeholders involved.

# Discussion Topics - Issuance

- Issuance Situations
- Place of Issuance
- Issuance Systems
- Fees
- Terminology

## Discussion Topics - Format and Personalisation

- Format option: Passport sized book
- Format option: Single Page / Non booklet format
- Period of validity
- Numbering
- Security Features
- Logo (book only)
- Cover colour (book only)
- Book size and number of pages (book only)
- Post-issuance / Usage

## Discussion Topics - Questions

- 4.1 If you represent a travel document issuer, do you / are you able to issue booklet-form ETDs abroad? If so what percentage of locations?
- 4.2 If you represent a border control authority, do you accept all ETDs issued by all state and non-state entities, e.g. NGOs? If not, why not?
- Any further comments

## Next Steps

- Seeking TAG approval for continued work in this area.
- Seeking views on this discussion paper from relevant stakeholders including:
  - Passport Issuers
  - Missions/posts abroad who issue ETDs
  - Airlines/Carriers
  - Border Control
  - Any others?
- After we have received and collated comments we can then re-format the paper into a TR, and make recommendations on each of the areas discussed.

## What we are asking from the TAG

- Note the work done so far
- Agree that there is a continuing need for standards and best practice to be developed
- Approve further work
- Encourage stakeholders to respond to discussion paper (Appendix A)



# Questions?