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Total Assessment and Moving Towards a Multilateral Arrangement

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Regional Movement Alert List (RMAL)

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Pilot Background

- **During 2004 Australia and the United States investigated the feasibility of an RMAL capability**

- **In 2004 APEC Leaders tasked the Business Mobility Group to develop a pilot RMAL System using lost, stolen and otherwise invalid passport data**
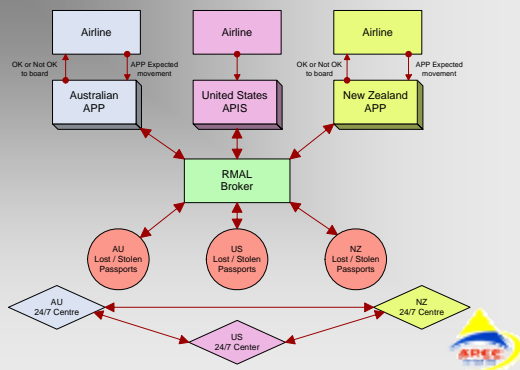

Program Overview

- **Objective:**
  Improve domestic and international security while facilitating the management of international travellers

- **Strategy:**
  Establish real-time automated data accessing arrangements that allow for the verification of foreign passport status

- **Engineering philosophy:**
  Open design to permit expansion of community and services without constraint or reengineering

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RMAL Process

Status

- **The RMAL Pilot between Australia and US went live in September 2005**

- **November 2005 APEC Ministers approved the continuation of the pilot and encouraged the expansion of RMAL to other economies**

- **New Zealand began RMAL testing in January 2006**

Statistics

- **As of 1 February 2006**
  - 92 Australian passports reported lost or stolen were detected, and
  - 80 US passports reported lost or stolen were detected

- **24/7 emergency operation centres**
  - Two incident categories:
    - legitimate bearer of document
    - impostor

2006 Projected Activities

- **New Zealand to go live in March 2006**
- **Apply lessons learned from Bilateral & Multilateral Pilots**
- **Obtain APEC approval of Multilateral Legal Framework (MLF)**
- **Obtain APEC approval of Governance proposal**
- **Schedule & hold RMAL working group sessions**
- **Invite other APEC economies to join**

Community Expansion

- **Legal capability to share travel document status information**
- **Automation capability to support electronic access to travel document alert list**
- **Ability to establish and maintain a 24/7 emergency operations centre**

Service Expansion

- **Passport format validation**
- **Positive validation against full passport databases**
- **Access to biographical data (digitally stored passport photos, etc.)**
- **Person alerts (watch lists)**
- **Synergies with other multilateral initiatives**

Questions ?