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

RMAL Process

- 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?