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CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT TO CTI

1. **PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR 2008 IN RESPONSE TO LEADERS/ MINISTERS/SOM DECISIONS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO STRENGTHENING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION:**

    A)   SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM

    Expanding the membership and participation in the ABTC scheme continues to facilitate business travel and hence trade and investment in the APEC Region.

    In addition, Members will cooperate to share information and best practice on immigration legislation, and relevant policies, procedures and technologies.

    B)   RTAS/FTAS

    Not applicable

    C)   TRADE FACILITATION

    Promoting and expanding membership of the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme which reduces trade transaction costs for business people by avoiding the direct costs of visas, saving time by avoiding the visa application process and providing access to priority immigration lanes at borders.

    The BMG will collectively enable the transition of new economy members to fully participate in the ABTC Scheme in accordance with agreed transitional arrangements. In addition, the BMG will continue to examine new options to enhance the scheme's operation and in particular, will explore options to enhance the security and capability of the Card itself.

    In addition to the TFAPII Actions, members will cooperate to share information and best practice on immigration legislation, free trade and other trade agreements, relevant policies and procedures and technologies.

    No. of actions selected for implementation:

    The BMG has agreed to implement all Actions in accordance with specific agreements relating to timeframes, and on a best endeavours basis.

    KPIs selected to measure progress of collective actions/pathfinders:

    The BMG has agreed to the following KPIs against each Action:

    *   The number of economies that have fully implemented the standards for a) travel documentation examination; b) professional service; c) travel document security (and issuance systems); d) immigration legislation.

    *   The number of economies which fully meet the agreed 30 day processing standard for visa applications, where complete, of intra company transferees.

    *   Percentage increase in the number of APEC Business Travel Cards issued in calendar year 2008 compared to the number issued in calendar year 2007.

- Ration of economies that have joined the APEC Business Travel Card scheme (either as a transitional or as a full member) (measures commitment to expansion of scheme).

- Number of APEC Business Travel Cards issued since end 2007 until end 2008 (measures success of card promotion).

- Number of economies that have implemented either visa free or visa waiver arrangements or 3 year multiple entry visas for business visitors (agreed CAP collective).

- Number of economies that have introduced e-lodgement arrangements for temporary residency applications (economies with online application facilities).

- Number of economies that have introduced, or plan to introduce, an API system by 2010 to enhance border security and the safety of travelers (measures progress on API Pathfinder Initiative).

- Number of economies that have introduced machine readable travel documents (MRTDs) by 2008 (measures progress by BMG against this agreement).

- Number of economies that have MRTDs with biometrics, if possible, by 2008 (measures progress by BMG to implement this agreement).

- Number of economies that make available comprehensive information through the BMG's APEC Business Travel Handbook and official websites.

- Number of economies that contribute information on lost and stolen travel documents to the International Police and Criminal Organisation (Interpol ICPO).

D)   TRANSPARENCY

The BMG has agreed standards for Transparency as directed by Leaders in 2003. BMG will actively pursue implementation of the standards including actions in updating the on-line travel Handbook and temporary entry matrices and member economies' information websites in regard to information on visa and other immigration requirements.

E)   DIGITAL ECONOMY AND STRENGTHENING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Not applicable

F)   INVESTMENT

Not applicable

G)   OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING APEC-WIDE INITIATIVES ON SECURITY, STRUCTURAL REFORM AND GENDER

Human security is being addressed through expansion of the membership and functionality of the Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS) both in functionality, with work continuing towards developing the capacity for positive validation of passports, and expansion of membership through discussions with several economies which have the immediate technical capability.

Other major human security initiatives include:

- Capacity building to encourage economies to adopt machine readable travel documents, and with biometrics. The BMG developed and published an online *'Guide to Biometric technology in Machine Readable Travel* Documents' in 2007, following successful workshops in 2006 to raise economies' awareness of the benefits and issues of introducing biometric passports. The Guide has received international recognition of its usefulness;
- Encouraging economies to implement unilateral Advance Passenger Information (API) systems as soon as possible;
- Encouraging economies to contribute lost and stolen passport data to Interpol;
- A new initiative to develop a standards framework to assist economies assure integrity in identity for biometric enrolment processes for identity and travel documents.

2. ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES WITH ABAC AND/OR OTHER EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

The BMG will continue to closely consult with ABAC and the private sector within economies on the ABTC and other issues relating to immigration services and information. The BMG has a long-standing invitation to ABAC to attend BMG meetings, which ABAC has attended regularly for the past three years.

The BMG is also intending to consult and contract external experts in the conduct of the planned TILF funded workshop in May 2008 on Frequent Passenger Programs.

3. BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE APRIL BMC MEETIING

Nil

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES/DELIVERABLES FOR 2008

Concrete progress on a commitment by remaining economies to join the ABTC scheme.

An increase in the number of APEC Business Travel cardholders.

Improvement of the operation of the APEC Business Travel Card scheme and improved service to cardholders.

The development of standards to assure identity in respect of enrolment processes for biometric identity and travel documents.

Increase in number of economies with biometric machine readable travel documents or with plans to implement.

Clear, comprehensive and up-to-date information available on economies' short term and business residence visas and requirements, the APEC Business Travel Card scheme via the BMG website and other publicly available media.

Progress on implementation of API systems in the region, in accordance with the BMG API Pathfinder Implementation Plan.

5. DECISION POINTS NEEDED FROM CTI

Agreement on BMG KPIs and proposed Work Goals for 2008.

PROPOSED BUSINESS MOBILITY GOALS FOR 2008

Consistent with the directives and priorities of APEC Leaders' and Ministers', Senior Officials, the Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI), the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) recommendations to Leaders, the Osaka Action Agenda II, and the Business Mobility agreed Terms of Reference and Collective Action Plan (at Attachment A), the following work goals for 2008 (and beyond) are proposed for agreement and implementation by BMG Members *on a best endeavours basis.*

ENHANCE TRADE FACILITATION through implementing the agreed BMG Collective Action Plan and BMG Trade Facilitation Action Plan II (TFAP) Actions. Key actions include promoting and expanding membership of the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) Scheme. The BMG will collectively enable the transition of new economy members to fully participate in the ABTC Scheme in accordance with agreed transitional arrangements. In addition, the BMG will continue to examine new options to enhance the Scheme's operation and in particular, will explore options to enhance the security and capability of the Card itself.

In addition to the TFAPII Actions, members will cooperate to share information and best practice on immigration legislation, free trade and other trade agreements, relevant policies and procedures and technologies.

ENHANCE HUMAN SECURITY by implementing agreed BMG and relevant *Secure Trade in the APEC Region (STAR)* initiatives, including:

- unilateral Advance Passenger Information (API) systems (agreed Pathfinder Initiative);
- Machine Readable Travel Documents, with biometrics by 2008;
- Professional Service standards (Revised 2007);
- Immigration Liaison Officer cooperation;
- the Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS), through the agreed Multi Lateral Framework (MLF); and
- Contributing lost and stolen passport data to Interpol's International Criminal and Police Organisation (ICPO) database.

In addition, the BMG will exchange information on Frequent Passenger Programs to enhance border and human security and develop standards to assist economies enhance the integrity of enrolment processes for biometric travel documents.

IMPLEMENT ANTI-CORRUPTION (PROFESSIONAL SERVICE) AND TRANSPARENCY BMG-specific standards including agreed actions arising from the BMG *Review of Temporary Entry 2005;* 2007 *Review of BMG Professional Service Standards;* and the 2007 *APEC Anti-Corruption Principles for the Public Sector*. Economies will review and maintain comprehensive, up-to-date information on rules and procedures governing temporary entry, processing standards and contact points, in the on-line *APEC Business Travel Handbook.*

INTERACT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR to enhance dialogue and cooperation with business, and in particular with ABAC. The BMG will actively consider any operational and policy issues raised by ABAC in respect of the ABTC scheme. The BMG will engage other APEC and international fora as appropriate and promote Business Mobility trade facilitation initiatives, in particular, the APEC Business Travel Card, to the business community in close cooperation with the ABAC and APEC Secretariat.

APEC Directives and the BMG's Proposed Work Goals for 2008

1.   Introduction

1.1   This paper identifies current APEC directives and priorities relevant to the Business Mobility Group, considers the BMG's existing work program against these directives, and proposes goals for 2008.

2.   APEC Directives

2.1   The 2007 APEC Economic Leaders' Fifteenth Declaration and Trade Ministers' Nineteenth Ministerial Meeting Statement contain a number of directives directly relevant to the BMG, towards achieving the following key APEC goals:

- **Support Multilateral Trade and Trade Facilitation;**

- **Enhance Human Security;**

- **Combat Corruption, through Good Governance and Transparency; and**

- **Interact with the Business Community.**

3.   Trade Facilitation

Support Multilateral Trade and Trade Facilitation

3.1   The most recent APEC Leaders' directives relevant to the Business Mobility Group include implementing the new Trade Facilitation Action Plan II (TFAPII) to facilitate trade and investment towards attaining the Bogor Goals, in particular, the goal of a (further) 5% reduction in business transaction costs by 2010. The TFAPII focuses on measures to enhance customs procedures, standards and conformance, e-commerce and mobility of business people.

3.2   Attachment B lists the agreed BMG TFAPII actions. These actions are consistent with and reflect the agreed objectives of the BMG's current Collective Action Plan (Attachment A). Attachment C is an extract from the TFAPII document which recognizes two key actions, namely the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) Scheme and the BMG's capacity building work on e-Passports, as important business mobility initiatives to facilitate trade and security in the region.

3.3   Attachment B includes specific BMG agreements and standards for implementation on a *best endeavours* basis. Some reflect the essential relationship between securing the safe mobility of business people and facilitating trade and investment activity in the region:
- the APEC Business Travel Card scheme, or visa waiver, or three year multiple entry visa arrangements for short term business entry;
- the agreed 30 day service standard for intra company transferees (executives, managers and specialists (the latter as defined by each economy);
- agreement to consider streamlining access for spouses of intra company transferees to work rights;
- agreed standards for e-commerce arrangements; travel document security including travel documents, professional service (including additional standards agreed in 2007), immigration legal infrastructure, and travel document examination;
- introduce machine readable travel documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics, by 2008

- make available comprehensive information and application forms for short-stay and temporary residence business visas, including through the APEC Business Travel Handbook and official immigration/consular affairs websites; and

- contribute information on lost and stolen travel documents to the database of the International Criminal and Police Organisation (ICPO).

3.4   The BMG is required to report collective progress on implementing the TFAPII to the CTI at SOMIII each year (commencing in 2008) and individual economies are required, as usual, to report separately on their progress in implementing TFAP Actions through the APEC Individual Action Plan (IAP) process.

3.5   It is proposed that the BMG continue to share information on these agreed Actions at BMG SOM meetings and through the AIMP and BMG websites. In addition, it has been proposed to develop/identify identity standards and best practice to assure integrity in enrolment processes relating to travel and identity documents. This new initiative is reflected in the proposed Goals under **ENHANCE HUMAN SECURITY**.

4.   Human Security and Counter Terrorism

4.1   In their 2007 Declaration, Leaders resolved to enhance cooperation on challenges to human security in recognition of the fact that *'...human security is essential to economic growth and prosperity…'*

4.2   Ministers specifically noted the "…*progress in the Regional Movement Alert (RMAS) system by participating members'* and *'…encouraged member economies to consider participation when ready.'* To assist economies in considering participation in RMAS, Australia, with the US and NZ, is facilitating a BMG workshop on the margins of SOMI 2008 to identity the issues for economies in joining RMAS.

4.3   It is proposed the BMG also continue to advance implementation of the BMG's Advance Passenger Information (API) Pathfinder Initiative. The agreed Pathfinder Initiative requires economies to implement a unilateral API system as soon as possible. To date, 11 economies have implemented or plan to implement an API system.

4.4   The BMG also has agreements covering a range of border security areas including the adoption of machine readable travel documents with biometrics. In 2004, the BMG agreed to introduce Machine Readable Travel Documents, if possible with biometrics, by 2008, and, on a best endeavours basis, to accelerate replacement of non-MRTDs by MRTDs as well as implement ICAO travel document security standards.

4.5   In 2006, with TILF funding, the BMG conducted a successful seminar and a workshop, to assist economies implement agreed standards for Machine Readable Travel Documents and biometric technologies, in response to the Ministers' directive for further cooperation on capacity building in this area. In 2007, the BMG secured TILF funding to develop a biometrics reference document, which was successfully launched in August 2007 in Melbourne. The document *"A Guide to Biometric Technology in Machine Readable Travel Documents"* has already been recognized as a unique and valuable document by ICAO and the ISO, and also by the IOM, which now has permission from APEC to translate the document into other languages to assist other governments adopt e-Passports.

4.6   Ministers also encouraged fora to identify capacity building opportunities. In 2008, Peru, with assistance from co-sponsors Singapore, Chile and Australia will conduct a TILF-funded three day workshop to examine the development and implementation of Frequent Passenger Programs. The workshop will provide the opportunity for members to exchange

information on developments and improvements to such programs, which facilitate the flow of bona fide travelers across borders.
This project complements and builds on the BMG's work on biometric travel documents and related infrastructure.

In addition, it is proposed that the BMG include in its work goals for 2008, the development of standards to assure identity in economies' enrolment processes for e-Passports. Developing an APEC set of standards and best practices will increase regional and international confidence in the security of our travel documentation.

5.   Advancing Anti Corruption and Transparency

5.1   Leaders and Ministers have again highlighted the importance of fulfilling APEC Anti Corruption and Transparency Standards including sub-fora specific standards, and have also called for close coordination between the APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Task (ACT) with the CTI and relevant sub-fora.

5.2   The BMG has agreed standards for both Professional Service to ensure the integrity of Immigration officials and processes, and for Transparency; the latter as directed by Leaders in 2003. The BMG had TILF funding, until end March 2006, to assist economies implement the Professional Service standards. Most economies have reported to the BMG they have either implemented all the agreed standards or are implementing progressively. A BMG working group was established in late 2006 to review the standards and it drafted a number of recommended amendments and additional standards in 2007, which were agreed intercessionally by members following SOMII in 2007.

5.3   ABAC continues to call for additional progress in attaining APEC transparency objectives. The BMG conducted a *'Review of Temporary Entry Conditions'* in 2005 with the assistance of TILF funding and the BMG agreed on a number of recommendations to enhance the transparency of economy temporary entry arrangements, including visa and stay requirements and related public information.   It is proposed that in 2008, the BMG continue to build on the significant work undertaken in 2006 and 2007 to ensure the information available on their economy and BMG websites is current, comprehensive and transparent, including information on economy ABTC arrangements.

6.   Interaction with the Business Community

6.1   Leaders and Ministers also encouraged APEC fora to enhance interaction with the private business sector, in particular to enhance consultation and cooperation with the ABAC and in partnership with the private sector wherever possible, to assist in identifying cost reductions relating to Actions selected from the APEC Trade Facilitation Menu of Actions and Measures and in seeking guidance on APEC business community's needs and priorities. The BMG has always sought to work closely and in consultation with ABAC and the private sector, especially in respect of the APEC Business Travel Card. The BMG will continue to invite the ABAC to its SOM meetings, to provide comment, feedback and input to the BMG agenda. The Convenor will continue to advise ABAC regularly of the outcomes of BMG meetings. Economies are encouraged to maintain their regular contact with their economy ABAC members and business communities in respect of the BMG's activities, and to actively promote the APEC Business Travel Card within their business community in 2008 and beyond.

ATTACHMENT A

BMG COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN – CHAPTER 13

"13. MOBILITY OF BUSINESS PEOPLE

OBJECTIVES

APEC economies will:

a.   enhance the mobility of business people who are engaged in the conduct of trade and investment activities in the Asia-Pacific region; and
b.   enhance the use of information and communications technology (ICT) to facilitate the movement of people across borders, taking into account the Leaders' Statement on Counter Terrorism.

GUIDELINES

Each APEC economy will work toward achieving the above objectives:

a.   abiding by directions and statements from APEC Leaders and Ministers;
b.   recognising APEC Principles on Trade Facilitation; and
c.   consistent with the Informal Experts Group on Business Mobility's (IEGBM) capacity building standards and annually agreed goals.

COLLECTIVE ACTIONS

APEC economies will:

Exchange Information

Exchange information on regulatory regimes in regard to the mobility of business people in the region, including through regularly updating the information in the online APEC Business Travel Handbook.

Short-Term Business Entry

Streamline short-term entry requirements for business people. APEC economies will strive *on a best endeavours basis* and according to their own immigration procedures to implement one or more of the following options:

    i)   visa free or visa waiver arrangements;
    ii)   participating in the APEC Business Travel Card scheme;
    iii)   at least 3 year multiple entry visas.

Business Temporary Residency

Implement streamlined temporary residence processing arrangements for the intra-company transfer of senior managers and executives, and specialists as defined by individual economies.

Capacity Building (Technical Cooperation and Training)

Develop and implement the mutually agreed standards and benchmarks essential to capacity building and engage in the capacity building initiatives necessary to provide streamlined visa application and immigration entry, stay and departure processing arrangements.

Dialogue with Business

Continue to maintain a dialogue with the APEC Business Mobility Group and the APEC business community (including with APEC fora) on mobility issues important to the APEC region and the APEC business community."

ATTACHMENT B

BUSINESS MOBILITY GROUP TRADE FACILITATION ACTION PLAN (TFAPII)

(updates/additions to TFAPI as agreed at BMG SOMII 2007(changes are **bolded and underlined**))

Objective:

Enhance the mobility of business people who are engaged in the conduct of trade and investment activities in the Asia-Pacific region.

Actions:

1. **Implement** standards for a) travel documentation examination; b) professional service; c) travel document security (and issuance systems); d) immigration legislation.

2. Streamline arrangements for intra-company transferees in accordance with the agreed APEC 30 day processing standard.

3. Implement and promote the APEC Business Travel Card and/or visa free or visa waver arrangements or at least 3 year multiple entry visas for short term business visitors such as those engaged in the negotiation of the sale of services or goods, establishing an investment or participating in business-related conferences, seminars or workshops.

Objective:

Enhance the use of information and communications technology (ICT) to facilitate the movement of people across borders, taking into account the Leaders' Statement on Counter Terrorism.

Actions:

1. Introduce e-lodgement arrangements for temporary residency applications.

2. Introduce an advanced passenger information system which pre-clears passengers to ensure faster clearance on arrival *(BMG Pathfinder Initiative).*

3. **Introduce machine readable travel documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics, by end 2008, on a best endeavours basis.**

4. **Make available comprehensive information and application forms for short-stay and temporary residence business visas, including through the APEC Business Travel Handbook and official immigration/consular affairs websites, in accordance with BMG agreements.**

5. **Contribute information on lost and stolen travel documents, on a best endeavours basis, to the database of the International Criminal and Police Organisation (ICPO).**

ATTACHMENT C

Business Mobility Collective Activities for TFAP II

"Expanding economy membership of the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme will benefit more frequent business travellers engaged in trade and investment activities. The APEC Business Travel Card currently provides cardholders of 17 member economies with priority immigration clearance on arrival and departure in major international airports and multiple visitor entry to participating economies over a three year period.
Expansion of the scheme, with a view to attaining full APEC membership, will be an important BMG contribution to TFAP II.

As an additional contribution to APEC's work to facilitate the safe and secure movement of business people, the BMG has also agreed on a significant capacity building programme to assist all economies in introducing biometric Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTD) and related border processing systems by the end of 2008. This work complements APEC initiatives on Advance Passenger Information (API) and the multilateral Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS), which assist the identification of bona fide travellers and detect the use of lost and stolen passports that can be used by terrorists and other criminals."

BMG Trade Facilitation Action Plan II (TFAPII) and CTI Reporting Requirements

1.   Purpose

1.1   The purpose of this paper is to recommend Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and reporting methodologies relating to the BMG's agreed Actions in the APEC Trade Facilitation Action Plan II (TFAPII). The CTI is requesting that relevant sub-fora, including the BMG, advise the CTI of agreed KPIs and reporting methodologies at SOMI 2008. The CTI is meeting on 25-26 February.

2.   Background

2.1   At the APEC Ministerial Meeting 2006 in Hanoi, Ministers concluded that APEC has met the 2001 Shanghai target of a five percent reduction in trade transaction costs. Ministers then instructed Officials to develop a detailed action plan (Trade Facilitation Action Plan II or TFAPII) to achieve another five percent reduction in trade transaction costs by 2010.

2.2   At SOMII 2007 in Adelaide, the BMG agreed to proposed text amendments and some additional actions to the existing TFAPI, which reflected its shared commitment to facilitate trade through facilitating the mobility of business people. (Attachment A highlights the BMG's agreed changes to the TFAPI in **bold** text.) These changes and additions were subsequently submitted by Australia to the CTI which endorsed the amendments and included the actions in the new TFAPII, which was subsequently endorsed by APEC Ministers for Trade.

2.3   Progress reports from sub-fora are required annually by the CTI, and will be included in its Annual Report to Senior Officials. The CTI has agreed however that member economies will also continue to report their individual trade facilitation actions through the Individual Action Plan (IAP) process.

2.4   At this stage, sub-fora are required to report to the CTI on agreed KPIs and reporting methodologies.

3.   Proposed KPIs

3.1   The BMG's TFAPII reflects its two agreed objectives (as stated in the BMG Collective Action Plan II, which is part of the APEC Osaka Action Plan to achieve APEC's Bogor Goals) and lists several agreed Actions under each objective. The first three Actions include:

1. Implement standards for a) travel documentation examination; b) professional service; c) travel document security (and issuance systems); d) immigration legislation.

2. Streamline arrangements for intra-company transferees in accordance with the agreed APEC 30 day processing standard.

3. Implement and promote the APEC Business Travel Card and/or visa free or visa waver arrangements or at least 3 year multiple entry visas for short term business visitors such as those engaged in the negotiation of the sale of services or goods, establishing an investment or participating in business-related conferences, seminars or workshops.

3.2   In respect of all three Actions, it is proposed that the KPIs reflect the number of economies which have fully implemented the agreed Actions. That is, in respect of Action 1 relating to the implementation of standards, it is proposed that the KPI be:

The number of economies that have fully implemented the standards for a) travel documentation examination; b) professional service; c) travel document security (and issuance systems); d) immigration legislation.

3.3   Similarly, in respect of Action 2 relating to 'Streamline arrangements for intra-company transferees', it is proposed that the KPI be:

The number of economies which fully meet the agreed 30 day processing standard for visa applications, where complete, of intra company transferees.

3.4   The agreed Actions under 3. list three Actions which economies can choose from. The majority of economies have now joined the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme and all economies either operate visa free or visa waiver arrangements and/or or have at least 3 year multiple entry visas for business visitors. The APEC Business Travel Card scheme reduces trade transaction costs for business people by avoiding the direct costs of visas, saving time by avoiding the visa application process and providing access to priority immigration lanes at borders. It is proposed that the KPIs be:

Percentage increase in the number of APEC Business Travel cards issued in calendar year 2008 compared to the number issued in calendar year 2007.

Ratio of economies that have joined the APEC Business Travel Card scheme (either as a transitional or as a full member).

Number of economies that have implemented either visa free or visa waiver arrangements or 3 year multiple entry visas for business visitorss.

3.5   The listed Actions under Objective 2 '*To enhance the use of information and communications technology (ICT) to facilitate the movement of people across borders, taking into account the Leaders' Statement on Counter Terrorism*' include:

1. Introduce e-lodgement arrangements for temporary residency applications.

2. Introduce an advanced passenger information system which pre-clears passengers to ensure faster clearance on arrival.

3. Introduce machine readable travel documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics, by end 2008.

4. Make available comprehensive information and application forms for short-stay and temporary residence business visas, including through the APEC Business Travel Handbook and official immigration/consular affairs websites, in accordance with Business Mobility Group agreements.

5. Contribute information on lost and stolen travel document, on a best endeavours basis, to the database of the International Criminal and Police (ICPO).

3.6 The following proposed KPIs also use 'number of economies' as the KPI for each Action:

1. Introduce e-lodgement arrangements for temporary residency applications.

Proposed KPI:

Number of economies that have introduced e-lodgement arrangements for temporary residency applications.

2. Introduce an advanced passenger information system which pre-clears passengers to ensure faster clearance on arrival.

Proposed KPI:

Number of economies that have introduced, or plan to introduce, an API system by 2010 to enhance border security and the safety of travellers.

3. Introduce machine readable travel documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics, by end 2008.

Proposed KPIs:

Number of economies that have introduced machine readable travel documents (MRTDs) by 2008.

Number of economies that have MRTDs with biometrics by 2008.

4. Make available comprehensive information and application forms for short-stay and temporary residence business visas, including through the APEC Business Travel Handbook and official immigration/consular affairs websites, in accordance with Business Mobility Group agreements.

Proposed KPI:

Number of economies that make available comprehensive information through the BMG's APEC Business Travel Handbook and official websites.

5. Contribute information on lost and stolen travel document, on a best endeavours basis, to the database of the International Criminal and Police Organization (ICPO).

Proposed KPI:

Number of economies that contribute information on lost and stolen travel documents to the ICPO.

4.   Reporting Methodologies

4.1   The CTI has requested sub-for a agree on reporting methodology/ies in respect of their KPIs. For its annual report to the CTI, a reporting template is to be used by all sub-fora. (See Attachment B). However, the BMG needs to agree on how it will monitor collective progress and report against the KPIs.

4.2   It is proposed that economies submit a report to Australia against agreed KPIs before SOMIII. Australia will consolidate the information for the BMG's annual report to

the CTI. A matrix of economy responses can be tabled at SOMIII, along with a draft annual report to the CTI, for member's consideration.

5.   Recommendation

5.1   That the BMG agree to the proposed KPIs and reporting methodology.

ATTACHMENTA

TFAP2 on Business Mobility (changes agreed at SOMII 2007 bolded)

Objective:

Enhance the mobility of business people who are engaged in the conduct of trade and investment activities in the Asia-Pacific region.

Actions:

6. **Implement** standards for a) travel documentation examination; b) professional service; c) travel document security (and issuance systems); d) immigration legislation.

7. Streamline arrangements for intra-company transferees in accordance with the agreed APEC 30 day processing standard.

8. Implement and promote the APEC Business Travel Card and/or visa free or visa waver arrangements or at least 3 year multiple entry visas for short term business visitors such as those engaged in the negotiation of the sale of services or goods, establishing an investment or participating in business-related conferences, seminars or workshops.

Objective:

Enhance the use of information and communications technology (ICT) to facilitate the movement of people across borders, taking into account the Leaders' Statement on Counter Terrorism.

Actions:

6. Introduce e-lodgement arrangements for temporary residency applications.

7. Introduce an advanced passenger information system which pre-clears passengers to ensure faster clearance on arrival.

8. **Introduce machine readable travel documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics, by end 2008.**

9. **Make available comprehensive information and application forms for short-stay and temporary residence business visas, including through the APEC Business Travel Handbook and official immigration/consular affairs websites, in accordance with Business Mobility Group agreements.**

10. **Contribute information on lost and stolen travel document, on a best endeavours basis, to the database of the International Criminal and Police Organisation (ICPO).**

ATTACHMENT B

Sub foras' Annual Reporting Template to the CTI

Year :   **Name of Sub-fora:**

Report on the Implementation of the Second Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAPII)

	Area (objective)	**Action**	**Key Performance Indicator (s)**	**Improvements Made in Current year**	**Cumulative Improvements since 2006**
Business Mobility				Description of progress made against each action and steps made in meeting KPI(s).	Description of cumulative progress made against each action and steps made in meeting PKI(s).