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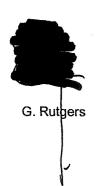
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As verbally discussed with you, we would like to invite a representative from the Estonian Citizenship and Migration Board to participate in this conference as an observer. Furthermore we would like to ask you if your representative could deliver a presentation in workshop 3, which is dedicated to the topic of Implementation, Organisation & Biometric Projects. The item could be the organisation and implementation of the new Estonian Passport and Identity Card and the use of a Public Key Infrastructure.

I would greatly appreciate to hear from you whether a representative of your organization would be willing and able to participate in the conference.

Yours sincerely,
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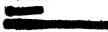
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Onderwerp

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Geachte

Op 20 en 21 juni 2002 wordt in Nederland een Internationale Conferentie gehouden voor autoriteiten die belast zijn met de uitgifte van reisdocumenten met als thema "Exploring the use of Biometrics in travel documents".

Het doel van de conferentie is het:

- uitwisselen van feitelijke informatie tussen de verschillende lidstaten van de Europese Unie (EU) op het gebied van biometrie in algemene zin en op reis- en identiteitsdocumenten in het bijzonder;
- uitwisselen van standpunten en voornemens met betrekking tot het opnemen van biometrie op reisdocumenten;
- inventariseren van mogelijkheden tot een gezamenlijke aanpak en vormen van samenwerking.

Het belang van zo'n conferentie wordt mede ingegeven door de volgende ontwikkeling die ik niet onvermeld wil laten.

Naar verwachting zal één dezer dagen in de Verenigde Staten (VS) een wet worden aangenomen die de landen die vrijgesteld zijn van de visumverplichting (zogenaamde Visa Waiver Program) bij bezoek aan de VS met ingang van oktober 2004 verplichten tot het gebruik van een reisdocument met biometrie. Vertegenwoordigers van het Department of State zijn uitgenodigd om in de conferentie een nadere toelichting te geven op deze wet en met de Europese landen te praten over de implicaties.

Deelnemers

Naast de deelnemende landen van de EU zullen tevens een aantal landen en organisaties uitgenodigd worden om als waarnemer de conferentie bij te wonen. Dit zijn o.a. Noorwegen en IJsland (beide onderdeel uitmakend van Schengen), Zwitserland, Verenigde Staten en Canada, ICAO en de Europese Commissie.

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 terugkoppeling resultaten bilaterale gesprekken
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- techniek
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- wetgeving, privacy, maatschappelijke acceptatie

21/6 ochtend plenair

- ontwikkelingen (o.a. Visa Waiver Program)
- discussie over voorstellen voor vervolg
- conclusie en afsluiting

Ik stel het zeer op prijs van u te vernemen of u bereid en in de gelegenheid bent om de conferentie als waarnemer bij te wonen.

Met vriendelijke groet, DE MINISTER VOOR GROTE STEDEN- EN INTEGRATIEBELEID

voor deze,

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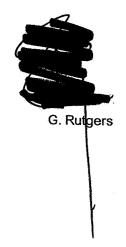
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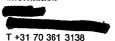
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