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Enquiry about cooperation between national
working groups on biometric identifiers

Dear [REDACTED],

First of all I would like to apologize for the late reply to your letter from 10 June 2002, which we received only 15 July 2002.

In our opinion it is a very good initiative to set up a working group to address issues on biometric identifiers.

As explained in our meeting in Helsinki on 22 February this year and again emphasized during the European Conference for Issuing Authorities in The Hague in June, cooperation on this matter within the European Union is very important. For this reason we decided to set up a European Forum. Germany, United Kingdom, Italy and the Netherlands are taking the lead. We expect the first meeting will take place at the end of this month. As mentioned in our letter which accompanied the summary of the European Conference, we will keep you informed about the Forum. Apart from that other (European) countries may join the Forum any time.

As our feasibility study concerns, it is our intention to complete the study at the end of this year. And of course we are willing to exchange information with you. For further information you can contact [REDACTED], telephone number + 31 70 3613173.

I wish you a lot of success with your (national) working group on biometric identifiers.

With kind regards,

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