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VISA 26

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NOTE

from : the Presidency

to : VISA

Subject : **EU Symposium**
- Visa 2000/BIOMETRICS 28-30 June 1999 in Nuremberg

The EU visa which was introduced by the Member States in 1995, is an efficient document. Nevertheless, there is a need for innovation due to new requirements.

In particular, there is a need to discuss

- ways and means to protect personal data from being forged or tampered with and
- possibilities to make sure that the person carrying the document is actually the legitimate holder

in the light of the most recent scientific and technological developments, taking into account those technologies that are already operational.

The discussion should be focused on three questions in particular:

1. What potential for further improvements are contained in the present, highly complex visa? Which proposals for its enhancement can be implemented in the short or medium term?
2. Can **biometrics technologies** and procedures offer any practicable solutions? If so, when will they be operational and what will be the expense required in terms of staff, technological resources and funding?

3. Are there any alternative technologies (e.g. a purely electronic visa)?

The representatives of the EU Council's Visa Working Group and of the technical experts' committee will – as they did in December 1997 in Brunnen - give a more detailed outline of the requirement profile. The industry, scientists and manufacturers will outline possible solutions on the basis of applications that are either already existing or under development; for this purpose, a small fair, which will be focused on biometrics procedures, will be organised.

The seminar is aimed at preparing the ground for conclusions to be drawn by the relevant EU working bodies on the basis of an exchange of views between decision makers and experts of the governments and representatives of industry, research institutions and manufacturers.

The seminar will be organised by Messrs. Leonhard Kurz, one of the leading manufacturers of security features.

Participants

- representatives of the European Union – Council Visa Working Group and members of the technical committee *
- representatives of the Associated Candidate States *
- representatives of the EU Commission and the Council Secretariat
- representatives from research institutions, industry and the manufacturers

* Number of participants:

- each Member State may send a maximum of three delegates
- each Candidate State may send a maximum of two delegates

Preliminary Schedule

28 June 1999

from 11.00 a.m.	registration at the hotel (Grand Hotel Nürnberg)
12.00 a.m	Franconian buffet at the Grand Hotel Nürnberg
1.00 p.m	start of the symposium and inauguration of the fair in the guildhall of the town hall of the City of Nuremberg (venue of the meeting)
1.50 – 2.00 p.m.	beginning of the plenary meeting
2.00 – 2.45 p.m.	opening address
2.45 – 3.15 p.m.	presentation no. 1
3.15 – 4.15 p.m.	break / opportunity for talks and discussions at the fair stalls
4.15 – 4.45 p.m.	presentation no. 2
4.45 – 5.15 p.m.	presentation no. 3
5.15 – 5.45 p.m.	presentation no. 4
5.45 – 6.00 p.m.	break

At 6.00 p.m. there will be a welcome address by a representative of the City of Nuremberg, followed by a reception and a small buffet.

The following papers are being prepared for 28 June 1999:

Opening address

By the chairman of the Council Visa Working Group
Achim Hildebrandt

- What has been achieved since the Brunnen seminar?
- What solutions might be feasible in the future due to biometrics procedures?
- Are there other alternatives?

Presentation

By Mr James Hesse, US State Department

- Introduction and application of biometrics procedures in the United States

Presentation

By ZN Bochum

- Biometrics

Presentation

By Visionics

- Biometrics

Presentation

By Mr Werner Reinhart, Messrs. Leonhard Kurz

- Production security requirements (production security – starting with the development, production cycles, access control systems, suppliers' security etc.)

2nd day, 29 June 1999

8.30 a.m.	departure for Sulzbach Rosenberg
9.30 – 11.00 a.m.	presentation and discussion of complex production security systems such as the ones employed in the production plant at Sulzbach-Rosenberg
11.00 – 11.20 a.m.	departure for lunch at Theuern
11.30 – 1.15 p.m.	lunch at the invitation of the Federal Ministry of the Interior
1.15 – 2.30 p.m.	return to Nuremberg
3.00 – 3.30 p.m.	presentation no. 5
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	presentation no. 6
4.00 – 4.30 p.m.	break / renewed opportunity of visiting the fair
4.30 – 5.00 p.m.	presentation no. 7
5.00 – 5.30 p.m.	presentation no. 8
5.30 – 6.00 p.m.	presentation no. 9
7.30 p.m.	dinner at the invitation of Messrs. Leonard Kurz

The following presentations are being prepared for 29 June 1999:**Presentation**

By Dr. Edgar Friedrich, Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) Germany

- Recent developments in ICAO

Presentation

By ZN Bochum

- Biometrics

Presentation

By Mr Roland Belser, Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands

- Application of biometrics procedures in Dutch documents

3rd day, 30 June 1999

9.30 – 10.00 a.m.	presentation no. 10
10.00 – 10.30 a.m.	presentation no. 11
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	break / opportunity for talks and discussions at the fair stalls
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	presentation no. 12
11.30 – 12.00 a.m.	presentation no. 13
12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	presentation no. 14
12.30 – 12.45 p.m.	closing remarks
from 12.45 p.m.	lunch and farewell

The following presentations are being prepared for 30 June 1999:**Presentation**

By Deutsche Lufthansa

- Requirement profile from the perspective of an airline

Presentation

By DCS

- Biometrics

Presentation

By the Australian Embassy

- Australia's electronic visa