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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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Geachte [REDACTED],

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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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  - organisatie, implementatie en pilots
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