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Mr. Jason C. Yuan Representative Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States 4201 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Representative Yuan,

I am writing to you to convey the "Principles for Cooperation on Improving Travel Security" as provided below. These principles have been approved by our respective authorities and represent our strong mutual interest in passenger security. This letter and your response shall constitute a bilateral agreement between AIT and TECRO.

PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATION ON IMPROVING TRAVEL SECURITY

For the purposes of these principles, "the participants" means the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO).

The participants intend to cooperate with each other and through their designated representatives to enhance travel security. The participants intend to work, through their designated representatives, to combat fraudulent travel and promote and facilitate the flow of legitimate travel by sharing information on passengers and cooperating on measures, programs, systems, policies, and procedures for travel security.

The participants intend to continue to work, through their designated representatives and in conformity with international guidelines and recognized international best practices, to facilitate the development and issuance of secure travel documents, including e-passports, as appropriate. The participants also intend, through their designated representatives, to exchange information on processes used to apply and qualify for the issuance of such travel documentation.

The participants intend, through their designated representatives, to explore ways to exchange information to improve capabilities to identify known or suspected terrorists for the purpose of improving screening efforts to prevent and interdict terrorist travel.

The participants intend, through their designated representatives, to explore improved methods of reporting and exchanging data on lost and stolen passports, including methods now supported by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), to determine if those can be used to mutual advantage by the participants.

The participants intend, through their designated representatives, to continue and extend cooperation in development and management of air marshals programs.

The participants, in conformity with mutually accepted standards set by relevant international organizations, intend, through their designated representatives, to cooperate on matters of airport security.

AIT and TECRO, in conjunction with their designated representatives, intend to establish a working group to determine specific projects to further the goals outlined above. The participants intend, through their designated representatives, to make subject matter experts available, as appropriate, to implement such projects as the working group may identify.

Any written agreements, understandings, or other written arrangements implementing programs or other cooperative measures consistent with these principles will be concluded between AIT and TECRO. End of "Principles for Cooperation on Improving Travel Security".

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

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