This is accomplished by sending the programs, the two departments have
photograph. By coordinating these two
identifiers, two index fingerscans and a

(DHS). The Biometric Visa Program is a
Program, we coordinated closely with
travel and entry documents that use
readable, tamper-resistant visas and
State shall issue to aliens only machine-
permanent program effective October
26, 2004. We will continue to require
fingerscans for any nonimmigrant visa
applicant age 7 and above at our posts in
Mexico. These age exemptions are
being put into effect for operational
efficiencies; however, the Secretary of
State retains the authority to require
fingerscans of children under age 14 or
adults age 80 or above. All visa
applicants are required to submit a
photograph with the visa application,
except at consular posts in Mexico
where most nonimmigrant visa
applicants have a live-capture photo
taken at post.

By checking fingerscans against a
biometric watchlist, the Biometric Visa
Program enables consular officers to
deny visas to persons on the watchlist
who are ineligible for visas. For the
great majority of travelers, the Biometric
Visa Program performs a travel
facilitation function by allowing for
biometric identity verification at ports
of entry, which serves to facilitate
admission to the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Notice of Meeting; United States
International Telecommunication
Advisory Committee Meeting on
Preparations for the ITU
Telecommunication Standardization
Study Group 2 Meeting and
Preparations for the CITEL Permanent
Consultative Committee II Meeting in
Guatemala

The Department of State announces
the following meetings of the
International Telecommunication
Advisory Committee (ITAC) to prepare
for the ITU–T Study Group 2 (Service
Definitions, Numbering, Routing, and
Global Mobility) meeting. This Study
Group 2 meeting will be held February
16–24, 2005, in Geneva, Switzerland.
In addition, five preparatory meetings
of the ITAC will be held to prepare for the
OAS Inter-American
Telecommunication Commission
(CITEL) Permanent Consultative
Committee II meeting in Guatemala
from April 26–19, 2005.