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Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and certain International Organisations in London and has the honour to enclose three separate pieces of guidance and information on the following airport procedures:

- Search procedures at Airports
- BAA airport ID pass scheme
- General Notice on Facilities for VIPs at Heathrow Airport from 1 July-31 March 2008

These documents are being circulated in response to a number of queries from the Diplomatic Corps about security procedures at United Kingdom airports. To ensure the safety of all passengers travelling to and from the United Kingdom, airport security is a priority and is kept under constant review. The Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Department for Transport work closely with the airport authorities to minimise the inconvenience to distinguished visitors and members of the diplomatic corps. At the same time it is hoped that visitors and diplomats will understand that airlines and airports need to implement security procedures, and have the ultimate say on access to aircraft and airport facilities.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions, Consular Posts and certain International Organisations the assurance of its highest consideration.

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