



PRESS RELEASE

"Microsoft and the United Nations Trade Point Development Centre (UNTPDC) today agreed to jointly design and develop a Secure ETO Browser based on a customised version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer 4. The Secure ETO Browser will allow ETO users to certify and connect securely to the UNTPDC's ETO system via the Secure Electronic Authenticated Link SEAL Hubs using the ETO international standard.

Currently there are more than 7 million companies world-wide using the Electronic Trading Opportunity (ETO) service with 160 million transactions a month. This number will more than double within the next twelve months. Access to the secure Global Trade Point Network will be provided using smart cards supported by a smart card key management system using Microsoft's Windows NT.

The UNTPDC / Microsoft plan is to ensure total inter-operability using Microsoft Office applications and the Secure Electronic Authenticate Link (SEAL) system which will connect securely the Global Trade Point Network now operational in 173 countries."

The Secure ETO Browser based on a customised version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer 4 will be distributed during the United Nations Conference on Secure Infrastructures for Electronic Commerce, 30th & 31st October 1997 Melbourne, Australia.

<http://www.unicc.org/untpdc/conference/interact/>
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