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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL¹,

Recognizing that the implementation of the principles contained in the WCO Framework of Standards will be an important step in enhancing security of the international trade supply chain and lead to a greater facilitation of legitimate trade;

Noting the increased concern with respect to acts of international terrorism and organized crime and the importance and vulnerability of global trade;

Considering that Customs administrations contribute to the economic and social development of nations through the collection of revenue, and that implementing the Framework of Standards will also be equally important in this regard;

Taking into account the Resolutions of the Customs Co-operation Council on Security and Facilitation of the International Trade Supply Chain (June 2002) and Global Security and Facilitation Measures concerning the International Trade Supply Chain (June 2004), and IMO Conference Resolution No. 9 on the enhancement of security in co-operation with the WCO;

Believing in the need for Customs administrations to implement standards regarding integrated Customs procedures and in the need for co-operation between Customs administrations and business;

Noting that Members and Customs or Economic Unions may need to consider modifications to their legal or other provisions to support the implementation of the WCO Framework of Standards.

RESOLVES :

1. To adopt the Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade.
2. That the Members of the Council and Customs or Economic Unions should :
 - 2.1. implement as soon as possible in accordance with each administration's capacity and necessary legislative authority the principles, standards and other provisions contained in the WCO Framework of Standards;
 - 2.2. encourage any necessary improvements in Customs capability and integrity to provide a comprehensive framework for global trade security;

¹ Customs Co-operation Council is the official name of the World Customs Organization (WCO).

- 2.3. identify the required sustainable capacity building measures including the modifications to national legal and administrative rules and procedures, where appropriate, and pursue their realization to enable a comprehensive implementation of the provisions of the Framework of Standards;
 - 2.4. foresee the provision of technical assistance in order to encourage the implementation of the Framework of Standards;
 - 2.5. submit to the WCO an indicative timetable for implementation of the Framework of Standards suitable to their capacities;
 - 2.6. endeavour to secure the full co-operation of business in the implementation of the Framework of Standards;
 - 2.7. participate in periodic evaluation meetings to assess progress towards implementation;
 - 2.8. provide to the WCO periodic reports on progress towards implementation of the Framework, to be discussed during each evaluation meeting; and
 - 2.9. consider the use of benchmarking methods to evaluate each Member's own implementation process.
3. That Members and Customs or Economic Unions should notify the WCO of their intention to implement the Framework of Standards. The WCO will transmit this information to the Customs administrations of all Members and to those Customs or Economic Unions which have notified the WCO.
 4. That those Members and Customs or Economic Unions which have notified the WCO of their intention to implement the Framework of Standards should work with each other to develop mechanisms for mutual recognition of Authorized Economic Operator validations and accreditations and Customs control results, and other mechanisms that may be needed to eliminate or reduce redundant or duplicated validation and accreditation efforts.

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