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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL^(*),

NOTING

- (1) the increased global concern with respect to acts of international terrorism and organized crime, including money laundering;
- (2) the importance and vulnerability of global trade;
- (3) the need to secure and protect the international trade supply chain from being used for acts of terrorism or other criminal activity while ensuring continued improvements in trade facilitation without unnecessarily increasing costs; and
- (4) the critical role and special expertise of Customs administrations in protecting society, combating commercial fraud, facilitating regional and international trade, and controlling the cross-border movement of goods and conveyances.

BELIEVING

- (1) in the need to ensure that the world Customs community makes a dynamic and vigorous contribution to securing and facilitating world trade;
- (2) that the WCO must and can assist in enhancing the capability of Customs administrations to increasingly collaborate to enhance the enforcement and facilitation capabilities of Members by encouraging greater harmonization, standardization and international guidelines which will create a basis for better international co-operation;
- (3) that Members must co-operate as necessary to develop mechanisms to assist in the exchange of information between them;
- (4) in the importance of co-operative relationships between and among Members, other government agencies, relevant international bodies and the private sector;
- (5) in the importance of advance transmission of standardized Customs data to identify those goods and conveyances that may pose a security risk and to facilitate the movement of legitimate trade;
- (6) in the importance of the effective implementation of risk management, risk assessment and targeting techniques;

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

- (7) that all Contracting Parties to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Kyoto Convention) must accede to the Protocol of Amendment which embodies the principles of modern Customs procedures and administration; and that on entry into force of the Protocol, all other Members who are not Contracting Parties should be urged to accede to the Kyoto Convention as amended; and
- (8) that the implementation of pilot projects between or among Members, aimed at enhancing the security and facilitation of international trade, should be encouraged.

RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS :

The Secretary General shall :

- (1) Ensure that :
 - i. by June 2003, the WCO Data Model is reexamined to ensure it includes a standardized set of data elements necessary to identify high-risk goods;
 - ii. by June 2003, Guidelines are developed to assist Members in developing a legal basis and other necessary steps to enable the advance electronic transmission of Customs data;
 - iii. by June 2003, Guidelines are developed for cooperative arrangements between Members and private industry to increase supply chain security and facilitate the flow of international trade;
 - iv. the expeditious use by Members of the tools contemplated in items i to iii is promoted;
 - v. Members' needs for assistance in establishing supply chain security regimes are identified and a capacity building strategy is developed to assist Members in implementing this Resolution;
 - vi. donors are identified and invited to contribute financial, human and other resources to advance the development and implementation of supply chain security regimes;
 - vii. measures are taken to strengthen the assistance offered to Members wishing to improve the security and facilitation of the international supply chain by, for example, enhancing import, export and in-transit control efforts, improving automation, using risk management and risk assessment techniques to select goods and conveyances for examination, improving technology, and ensuring the integrity of their personnel; and
 - viii. a data bank is created on advanced technology and techniques to enhance supply chain security and facilitation.

- (2) Provide for the development and implementation of the measures contemplated in this Resolution, in the framework of the WCO Strategic Plan and with the assistance of a task force of experts from within the Council Membership who, taking into account the differing capabilities and needs of Members, shall :
- i. work with other competent authorities (such as the European Union, Port Authorities, Border Agencies, Transportation Authorities and Customs Unions that have competency in this area); and
 - ii. consult with, and involve, trade, non-governmental and intergovernmental organization stakeholders.
- (3) Beginning in December 2002, report regularly to the Policy Commission and the Council on the progress made with the development and implementation of this Resolution. The Policy Commission and the Council will determine further action to be taken.

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