



STATEMENT FROM 78TH SESSION OF THE POLICY COMMISSION
OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

We, the members of the Policy Commission of the World Customs Organization, meeting in Luxor, Egypt on the occasion of the Policy Commission's 78th Session, wish to express our deep and sincere feelings of solidarity with Egypt and its people.

Ten days ago, at Bir al-Abed, the people of Egypt suffered another barbaric assault. Terrible loss of life was inflicted in a mosque. We condemn this monstrous act and identify wholeheartedly with the victims.

We feel the need to reaffirm that we are revolted, not terrorized, by such acts; our presence in Luxor is a clear manifestation of this. There could be no better time than now, and no better place than here in Luxor, for us, the members of the Policy Commission, to :

- emphasize our resolve, as representatives of the worldwide Customs community, to fight terrorism and strengthen the security of our people alongside other security-related authorities and organizations, at national and international level; and
- further develop our joint work on security and trade enforcement within the World Customs Organization.

Luxor, 4 December 2017.