

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL
AND THE AIRPORT ASSOCIATIONS COORDINATING COUNCIL

RECOGNIZING that offences against Customs law, particularly drug smuggling, are prejudicial to the economic, social, fiscal and security interests of States and to the interests of all parties involved in legitimate international trade, and that such offences may involve the use of a variety of transport modes and handling facilities,

NOTING that the escalation in drug trafficking necessitates Customs authorities to increase their surveillance and controls,

AWARE that such increased controls could result in additional expense and costly delays to airport operators, and airport users engaged in legitimate trade,

BELIEVING that increased co-operation between airport operators and Customs authorities could significantly assist those authorities in the gathering of information and other aspects of combating Customs fraud, in particular drug smuggling,

BELIEVING also that such co-operation would be of benefit to all parties in legitimate trade including airport operators and their users and customers,

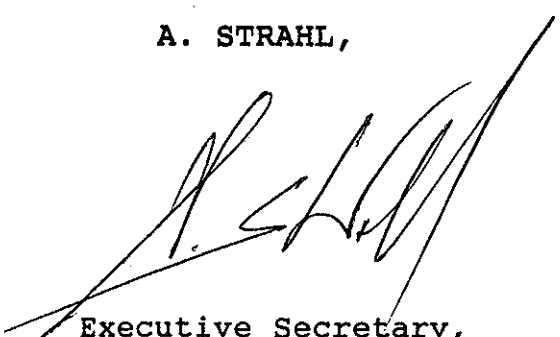
THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL AND THE AIRPORT ASSOCIATIONS COORDINATING COUNCIL have agreed as follows :

- (i) to strengthen further the co-operation between the two organizations,
- (ii) to examine and develop together ways in which co-operation and consultation between airports and Customs authorities could be improved with a view to combating Customs fraud, in particular drug smuggling,
- (iii) to seek to ensure a better understanding by airports of Customs authorities' tasks and problems and vice-versa, thereby facilitating a productive exchange of information between the two parties,
- (iv) to consider practical ways in which the airports' personnel and their agents might assist Customs authorities in the detection of Customs offences, in particular those relating to drug smuggling.

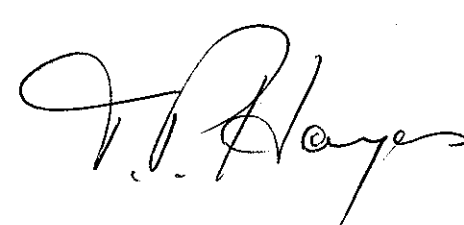
Done at *Brussels*... on *13 Aug.* 1990.

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