



JOINT DECLARATION

by

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and

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Organization¹**

**regarding the Effective Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation
Agreement**

WHEREAS the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as a specialized agency of the United Nations, has the primary responsibility to promote and accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in developing countries and economies in transition;

WHEREAS the World Customs Organization (WCO), as an independent intergovernmental international organization, has the mission to provide leadership, guidance and support to Customs administrations to secure and facilitate legitimate trade, realize revenues, protect society and build capacity;

WHEREAS the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretary General of the WCO, having held productive consultations on matters of mutual interest on 16 June 2016 in Brussels, wish to record their intentions and objectives for cooperation between UNIDO and the WCO regarding effective implementation of the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretary General of the WCO declare:

1. Their intention to facilitate close co-operation between UNIDO and the World Customs Organization with the objective to support the successful implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement;
2. Their intention, subject to the programme of work of UNIDO and the WCO, to promote cooperation between UNIDO and the WCO, *inter alia*, in the following areas:

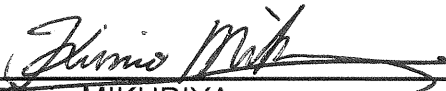

¹ Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council.

- Capacity Building: Complement existing WCO Trade Facilitation packages, as appropriate, with information related to national standards bodies, testing or inspection capacities that may support the successful implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement in coordination with the WCO Mercator Programme.
- Compliance and Enforcement: Implementing effective and efficient clearance controls including inspection to ensure appropriate risk management, revenue collection and protection of society.
- Procedures and Facilitation: Facilitating and securing global supply chains through the simplification and harmonization of Customs procedures.
- Promote inclusive participation of relevant technical agencies in National Committees on Trade Facilitation.
- Develop joint publications, as appropriate.
- Any additional areas that may subsequently be approved by the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretary General of the WCO;

3. Their desire, to cooperate on the design and implementation of projects relating to the above areas of cooperation in accordance with the respective policies, procedures, rules and regulations of UNIDO and the WCO;

4. Their intention to undertake mutual consultations with a view to concluding an appropriate relationship agreement to institutionalize the partnership, which would be subject to approval in accordance with their respective policies and procedures;

5. Their intention to review the progress achieved in the cooperation between UNIDO and the WCO after a period of three years following the signing of this Joint Declaration or a Relationship Agreement, whichever is later, and to decide then on any further measures that may be desirable to enhance that cooperation.

 Kunio MIKURIYA Secretary General	 LI Yong Director General
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