

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE GLOBAL INFORMATION
AND INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY PROJECT GROUP**

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1. Mandate

The Global Information and Intelligence Strategy (GIIS) Project Group's mandate is to develop a strategy that meets the needs of all Members for the development and continuous enhancement of risk management, information and intelligence gathering and sharing, and recommending tools and instruments for bringing the Strategy into force, taking due account of the varying situation in Member administrations and ever-evolving technological context.

The GIIS Project Group acts under the overall direction of, and reports to, the Enforcement Committee.

2. Membership

Membership will be open to all WCO Members and the WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices (RILOs).

The members of the Project Group shall elect the Chairperson from among Member administrations annually.

3. Function and Scope

The functions and scope of the Global Information and Intelligence Strategy Project Group shall include consideration of the following issues :

- Identification of strategies aimed at improving risk management and intelligence systems of Customs administrations;
- Monitoring and reporting on progress on implementation of the Global Information and Intelligence Strategy;
- Oversight of the WCO Customs Risk Management Compendium by adding new modules and updating existing ones, as appropriate;
- Identification of global standards for strategic, tactical and operational intelligence and information and intelligence sharing;
- Development of risk indicators;

- Development of audit and self-diagnostic tools for Members, with regard to risk management, information and intelligence;
- Elaboration of Intelligence support specific to Customs activities to subsequent investigations and to trade facilitation and management;
- Incorporation of Intelligence collection, collation, evaluation, analysis and dissemination into Customs practices;
- Development of options and possibilities to enhance operational role of RILOs;
- Development and maintenance of an Intelligence training curriculum, as appropriate;
- Identification of clear linkages between Intelligence and Risk Management; and
- Development of quantitative and qualitative performance measurement parameters for risk management and intelligence gathering and sharing.

4. Key Deliverables

The GIIS Project Group will report to the Enforcement Committee on Agenda items which it has examined, providing its conclusions in the form of recommendations or options for their consideration with regard to the above-mentioned topics.

5. Means of Operation

The GIIS Project Group is scheduled to meet on a periodic basis to carry out its work.

As far as possible, the GIIS Project Group will manage its work through electronic means. Members will have the opportunity to comment on drafts via dedicated secure online platforms.

The GIIS Project Group will consult, as appropriate, with other Committees and Working Groups to identify synergies, linkages and overlaps, including the CEN Management Team, the Working Group on Revenue Compliance and Fraud, the Working Group on Passenger Facilitation and Control, and the Expert Group on Electronic Crime.

6. Resources Required

The members of the Project Group will fund their own activities, including travel and accommodation expenses.

The general administrative arrangements and provision of support services shall be the responsibility of the Secretariat.
