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SUMMARY DOCUMENT
(Item I. (b) on the Agenda)

Introduction

1. As part of the discussions on the Future Role of the Permanent Technical Committee (PTC) held at its 199th/200th Sessions in March 2013, a proposal was made to develop a Summary Document (SD) for each PTC meeting, to provide an overview of the subjects to be discussed and on the actions expected from the PTC. The objective of the SD is to provide more guidance to the PTC delegates on topics of focus and where input from Members is required.
2. In line with the abovementioned, the Secretariat produced a SD for this meeting's sessions, based on the draft agenda and taking into account the proposal of the Correspondence Group on the Future of the PTC to have the items/sub-items classified into four different categories (for more information, please see Annex I to doc. PC0327):
 - A. Report Back on Work in Progress;
 - B. Decision and Guidance;
 - C. Exploration and progression of Key Technical Issues; and
 - D. Fostering Innovation in Customs Practice.

A. Report Back on Work in Progress

3. Report back items include discussion of the work of the various sub-groups and committees reporting to the PTC, as well as work undertaken by the Secretariat. The discussion on these items will be a short process. The agenda items will be supported by the respective papers of the various sub-committees, committees and working groups of the PTC, as well as other papers produced by the Secretariat or oral reports. Members will be expected to have read through the papers and will be given an opportunity to pose any questions or to launch a relevant discussion.

IV. UPDATE AND REPORTS

d) Inter-sessional developments

Document: PC0425

e) ECP Progress report

Document: PC0426

f) Report of the 14th Meeting of the SAFE Working Group

Document: LF0113

g) Report of the 14th Meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Istanbul Convention and the 11th Meeting of the Contracting Parties of the ATA Convention

Document: PA0102

h) Report of the 15th Meeting of the Administrative Committee for the Customs Convention on Containers (1972)

Document: PB0057

i) Report of the 11th Meeting of the Counterfeiting and Piracy Group

Document: TR0037

j) Report of the 68th Meeting of the Information Management Sub-Committee

Document: PM0372

k) Report of the 69th Meeting of the Information Management Sub-Committee

Document: PM0385

l) Update on WCO Recommendations

Document: PC0427

4. In order to make the PTC more efficient, a decision had been taken to group together all reports of WCO working bodies relevant for the PTC under one item and to provide the delegates with an opportunity to potentially raise any questions or concerns, but at the same time to avoid spending time on items which would not require discussion.

5. The PTC will be invited to take note of the updates, reports and executive summaries under sub-items d), e), f), g), h), i) and l).

6. The PTC will also be invited to adopt the Reports of the 68th and 69th Meetings of the Information Management Sub-Committee (under item j) and k)).

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

b) Upcoming events

7. The Secretariat will provide an update on the upcoming events.
8. The PTC will be invited to take note.

B. Decision and Guidance

9. These items will include discussions on the work of the various sub-groups and committees reporting to PTC, or work undertaken by the Secretariat. The aim of this section will be to facilitate the provision of guidance and/or the delivery of decisions that will enable this work to progress.
10. The topics under B items at this Meeting include: the use of API/PNR, E-commerce, and Highlights from the 4th Meeting of the TFAWG, including looking forward to the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference.

I. OPENING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

b) Adoption of the Draft Agenda and the Summary Document

Document: PC0420, PC0421

11. The Secretariat has in consultation with the Chairperson prepared a Draft Agenda. The Secretariat has also prepared a Summary Document, the objective of which is to provide the delegates with clear and concise information on the substance of agenda items and guidance on the actions required from the PTC.
12. The PTC is invited to adopt the Draft Agenda and the Summary Document.

III. UPDATE AND REPORT

a) The use of API/PNR, including highlights from the 9th Meeting of the WCO/IATA/ICAO API/PNR Contact Committee

Document: PC0423, Executive Summary

13. Recent international developments have raised the profile of API-PNR as a tool to address security risks, including persons on terrorist watch lists and subject to travel bans, as well as the risk of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTF) traveling to conflict zones around the world.
14. At the 8th Session of the WCO IATA ICAO API/PNR Contact Committee in October 2014, the Contact Committee heard from an expert from the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on its counter terrorism efforts. During the meeting, the UNSC expert suggested an amendment to the Customs Cooperation Council Recommendation on the

use of Advance Passenger Information (API) and/or Passenger Name Record (PNR) for efficient and effective Customs Control (WCO Recommendation on the use of API/ PNR) to also include effective implementation of UN travel bans against sanctioned individuals. The respective amendment was endorsed by the PTC and eventually also by the WCO Council in June 2015.

15. In its 9th Session on 06-07 October 2015, the WCO IATA ICAO API/PNR Contact Committee will again highlight the implementation of API and PNR systems by Members among others to support counter terrorism efforts.
16. The PTC is invited to take note of the inter-sessional developments related to API/PNR and of the outcomes of the API/PNR Contact Committee.

b) Update on recent developments of work on e-commerce, including Report of the 14th Meeting of the RKC Management Committee

Document: PC0424, PO0085

17. At its 203rd/204th sessions in March 2014, after detailed discussions, the PTC had identified e-commerce as one of its priority topics to be dealt with in more detail. Following that decision, the topic was discussed by the PTC from several perspectives at its 205th/206th (October 2014) and 207th/208th sessions (March 2015) (see PC0397E and PC0419E1).
18. Responding to requests received from Members and following the recommendation of the Policy Commission for a clear interpretation of the provisions of Transitional Standard 4.13 and Standard 4.14 of the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC) General Annex (the “de minimis” regime), in particular, with regard to their applicability for different modes of transport and different categories of goods, the 14th Meeting of the RKC/MC (from 8 to 9 October, 2015) will discuss the issue based on the background document PO0079E (appended as an Annex to the PTC document). PTC delegates, where possible, may like to coordinate with their respective RKC/MC delegates for a considered and coordinated approach on this topic.

c) Highlights from the 4th Meeting of the TFAWG, including looking forward to the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 15-18 December 2015

Document: Oral Report

19. The 4th Meeting of the TFAWG will be held immediately prior to the PTC meeting, on 12 and 13 October 2015. The agenda includes items such as looking forward to the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Kenya in December 2015 and break-out discussions about elements for a potential Policy Commission communication regarding the WTO Conference. The Meeting will also discuss updates of the Mercator Programme and a panel discussion will be held about Transparency and Predictability. Furthermore, delegates will address issues such as National Trade Facilitation Committees, Border Agency Cooperation and Transit.
20. The PTC is invited to take note of the oral report of the 4th TFAWG Meeting.

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) *Proposals for agenda items of the next meeting*

21. At its Sessions in March 2013, during the discussions on its future, the PTC concluded that the Members would be given further opportunities to contribute to the shaping of the agenda at each meeting.
22. The PTC is invited to propose items for the next meeting of the PTC. The delegates are encouraged to put forward non-paper(s) which will provide more details on the background of the topic.

C. Exploration and Progression of Key Technical Issues and D. Fostering Innovation in Customs Practice

23. These items will allow for discussion of key technical issues, which Members and observers are facing, ideally common across a number of Members and/or regions. The time allotted to these items will be sufficient to allow for active participation by all delegates in fully exploring the issues raised.
24. As Item II on the Future of Customs is expected to include discussions on innovative practices, this particular item can be considered as a D. item as well. The same applies to Members' presentations during the PTC side events.
25. C items to be discussed at this meeting include: Performance Measurement, Customs-Business Partnership, Customs Brokers, Digital Customs.

II. FUTURE OF CUSTOMS

a) *Update on the work of the Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs (VWG FC)*

Document: PC0422

b) *3D printing, presentation by China Customs (member of the VWG FC)*

Annex III to Document: PC0422

26. The topic on the Future of Customs was launched by a panel discussion at the March 2015 PTC meeting, supported by a Secretariat document which compiled some of the already identified challenges and latest developments that were expected to have an impact on Customs in the future.
27. The PTC agreed to establish a Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs (VWG FC). It further agreed that the Customs in the 21st Century Strategic Document (C21) was still very relevant for the future of Customs and agreed that the Working Group would use it as a starting point for its inter-sessional discussions.

PC0421E1

28. The VWG FC was launched in early July 2015 and has in the meantime developed 15 summary papers on topics such as: 3D printing, automatic exchange of information, border models, e-commerce and others. Furthermore, an update on the implementation of the 10 building blocks of the C21 was produced, as well as a compilation of relevant topics, all of which is reflected in doc. PC0422.
29. As this will be one of the key topics of this PTC meeting, delegates will be expected to come prepared, to provide substantial input on the work produced so far and provide guidance on ways forward.
30. In addition, as the (European) autumn meeting of the PTC has been dedicated to more future-oriented topics, the PTC will be invited to discuss the topic of 3D printing, which will be presented by China Customs, who submitted a respective summary paper to the VWG FC. The PTC will be invited to share views and knowledge on this topic and on the possible impact on Customs (and other agencies), as outlined in Annex III to doc. PC0422, as well as to provide guidance on further steps to be taken with regard to the topic.

IV. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

a) Latest developments on Performance Measurement

Document: PC0428

31. At the 207th/208th Sessions of the PTC in March 2015, 'Achieving Excellence in Customs (AEC)' was introduced to the PTC by the WCO Secretariat. Delegates acknowledged the usefulness of the performance measurement framework in showing management the "big picture" and made a number of suggestions and comments to improve the AEC.
32. The AEC and its technical guidance were further discussed at the 73rd Session of the Policy Commission in June 2015. The Policy Commission took note of the progress in respect of the AEC performance measurement framework and endorsed the first layer of indicators. The Policy Commission instructed the Secretariat to continue working on the AEC framework, including giving thoughts to the possible aggregation of collected data. It also agreed that the AEC data would not be published or lead to a ranking of countries.
33. At the 209th/210th Sessions of the PTC in October 2015, the PTC is required to examine options for the usage and communication of AEC data as well as possible second-layer indicators proposed by the Secretariat.

b) Measurement of the Business Environment for Customs

Document: PC0431

34. This agenda sub-item supplements the previous one and the ongoing work on the AEC framework. As part of a global reflection on what determines the performance of Customs administrations, this sub-item focuses on 'measurement of the business environment' of Customs administrations. The aim of document PC0431 is to initiate discussions on measurement of the business sector that impacts the performance of Customs administrations and to obtain input from experts, before presenting it to the Policy Commission.

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V. CUSTOMS-BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP - experiences and perspectives on the Advanced Pillar of the WCO Customs-Business Partnership Guidance

- ***The Brazilian experience on Customs-Business Partnership, presented by Procomex (Member of the Private Sector Consultative Group, PSCG) and Brazilian Customs***
 - ***Centers for Excellence & Expertise in the US, presented by the American Association of Exporters and Importers (Member of the PSCG) and US Customs and Border Protection***
35. Following the endorsement by Policy Commission and Council in June 2015, the WCO published the Customs-Business Partnership Guidance including its Advanced Pillar. This agenda item will explore ways forward in terms of future collaborative work with the private sector for strengthening Customs-Business relationships at international, regional and national level, as well as listen to perspectives of Members of the newly reconstituted PSCG on the topic.
36. This item also reflects the intention to welcome the PSCG members to the PTC and engage them actively in the work of the PTC.
37. The PTC is invited to take note of joint presentations made by PSCG Members and Members sharing their experiences on Customs-Business Partnership and to provide guidance in terms of future collaborative work with the private sector for strengthening Customs-Business relationships at international, regional and national level.

VI. CUSTOMS BROKERS

- a) Draft Study Report on the situation of and cooperation with Customs Brokers – Outcomes of the WCO survey on Customs Brokers**

Document: PC0429

- b) Presentation by Korea Customs**
c) Presentation by IFCBA

38. Following the December 2014 Policy Commission's discussion on Customs Brokers, the PTC at its 207th/208th Sessions in March 2015 agreed to continue the work on this topic during the inter-session with a view to developing a detailed study based on Members' varied experiences, including by carrying out a survey to ascertain brokers' role, regulatory/licensing requirements, challenges, opportunities and lessons learnt. Moving forward, based on the survey results a draft study report including a detailed analysis of Members' practices and suggested considerations will be presented for discussion, guidance, and further contributions.
39. A Member (Korea) and a broker association (IFCBA) will also share their respective experiences on brokers' roles and regulations.
40. The PTC is invited to take note of the presentations and to examine and discuss the draft study report and its key outcomes together with suggested considerations and

provide further guidance in terms of possible improvements of the draft study, before its presentation to the Policy Commission in December 2015.

VII. DIGITAL CUSTOMS

- a) WCO IT Guidance for Executives, presentation by Haiti (tbc)**
- b) Digital Customs, presentation by Morocco Customs**
- c) Cooperation of Customs and Private Sector in the development of IT Systems, presentation by FIATA (Member of the PSCG)**
- d) Mapping of the WCO IT related instruments and tools, as part of the WCO IT Guidance for Executives**

Document: PC0430

41. In accordance with the December 2014 Policy Commission's discussion on the need of an IT tool for executives, the Secretariat has developed the relevant tool and piloted it during a regional workshop at the WCO IT Conference in the Bahamas in May 2015. During the 69th Session of the IMSC end of May 2015, the tool was presented and received comments, inputs and practices from Members, specifically to include the strategic value of managing business continuity in IT implementation. The Secretariat has finalized the development of the tool in the inter-session.
42. At the Policy Commission meeting in June 2015, the Chairperson of the meeting raised the topic of Digital Customs, noting that it was important for Customs to have a strategic vision or global picture on information technology implementation in order to enable itself to stay up-to-date on global ICT trends in the cross border regulatory space. Digital Customs was conceived as a concept for formulating a methodological and strategic Customs tool for the digital age.
43. Following the June 2015 Policy Commission's discussion, the Secretariat has mapped existing WCO instruments and tools related to IT that have been developed so far. The map is organized by thematic grouping to consolidate the development of IT related tools in a cohesive, comprehensible and scalable framework. It will help to raise awareness among Members about what is already available and how it can be deployed.
44. Customs authorities recognize the private sector as an important stake holder playing an important role in supporting Customs modernization through ICT implementation. In this regard, the role of the private sector in this area needs to be explored further, including (but not limited to) co-creation of IT services and systems, development of standards as well as joint development of affordable IT systems.
45. The PTC is invited to take note and discuss the information presented, share national experiences and provide guidance regarding strategic leadership in IT implementation, Digital Customs as well as the important role of the private sector in supporting Customs modernization through ICT implementation.