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**DRAFT AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE  
PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (PTC) INCLUDING THE JOINT SESSION WITH  
THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE WTO TRADE FACILITATION  
AGREEMENT (TFAWG)**

The Joint Meeting of the Permanent Technical Committee (PTC) and the WCO Working Group on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFAWG) will be held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 from 9h30 to 18h00. The PTC Meeting proper will start on Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 9h30 and finish on Friday 8 March 2019 at 13h00 at the latest.

**DRAFT AGENDA OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE PTC/TFAWG**

<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Document</u>
		<b>Day 2</b>	
		<b>Joint Meeting of the TFAWG and the PTC</b>	
<b>DAY I (Tuesday 5 March 2019)</b>	<b>I.</b>  Agenda Item V of the TFAWG	<b>Opening address by Deputy Secretary General</b> <i>(For discussion and guidance)</i>  <i>Deputy Secretary General will offer the opening address to the joint session of the PTC and TFAWG. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage with the Deputy Secretary General to comment on his speech and ask questions.</i>	

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<p><b>II.</b> Agenda Item VI of the TFAWG</p>	<p><b>Adoption of the Agenda and the Summary Document</b> <i>(For guidance and decision)</i></p> <p><i>The adoption of the Draft Agenda and the Summary Document, giving delegates the opportunity to suggest changes or additional topics for discussion.</i></p>	<p>PC0537E PC0538E</p>
<p><b>IIIa.</b> Agenda Item VIIa of the TFAWG</p>	<p><b>Break Out Session – Time Release Study</b> <i>(For discussion and guidance)</i></p> <p>- Presentation(s) of national experience(s)</p> <p><i>Under this item, the joint session of the TFAWG and PTC will be able to share experiences and outcomes of their TRS activities including in terms of using TRS for monitoring TFA implementation. In order to receive as many experiences as possible from the Members, the presentation(s) will be followed by a break out session for further discussion.</i></p>	<p>PT0092E</p>
<p><b>IIIb.</b> Agenda Item VIIb of the TFAWG</p>	<p><b>Plenary session (report from the break-out groups) – Time Release Study</b></p> <p><i>The two break-out groups will report on their findings to the plenary session.</i></p>	

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<b>DAY 1 (Tuesday 5 March 2019)</b>	<b>IV.</b>  Agenda Item VIII of the TFAWG	<p><b>Performance Measurement</b> <i>(For information and decision)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WCO Comprehensive performance measurement tools</li> <li>- Collection and analysis of data</li> <li>- Cooperation with World Bank Group (update)</li> </ul> <p><i>At the 80<sup>th</sup> Policy Commission Meeting Members discussed on the links between performance measurement and monitoring of implementation of WCO instruments and tools, as well as the development of a Performance Measurement tool for Customs administrations. The Secretariat will inform the delegates about the ongoing work on this issue.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, under this item TFAWG and PTC will have the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on the development of a Performance Measurement tool for Customs administrations. The Secretariat will inform the TFAWG and PTC on the cooperation with the WB on Doing Business by providing an update of the outcome of the Policy Commission and follow-up actions.</i></p> <p><i>Following the discussion in the Policy Commission, the new draft version of the Terms of Reference of the proposed Working Group on Performance Measurement will be discussed.</i></p> <p><i>More information is available in the December 2018 Policy Commission document and the report of the meeting.</i></p>	SP0661E SP0671E PT0093E
		<b>Lunch Break</b>	
	<b>V.</b>  Agenda Item IX of the TFAWG	<p><b>Coordinated Border Management</b> <i>(To take note and exchange views)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o eCITES - end-to-end regulatory control of international trade in endangered species</li> </ul> <p><i>At its 70<sup>th</sup> meeting held in October 2018, the CITES Standing Committee recommended to the CITES Conference of Parties to start a work programme on integration of CITES into paperless Customs clearance processes and risk management and to work with relevant partners, such as WCO, on the development of standards and solutions for electronic permit information exchange and validation as well as on the implementation of efficient risk based procedures for control in CITES listed species using information technologies and modern trade control procedures .</i></p> <p><i>CITES Secretariat will inform the TFAWG and PTC about this initiative. The TFAWG and PTC will be invited to take note of this initiative and to provide further guidance on WCO's possible contribution to this work.</i></p>	<a href="https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/comp/18/doc/E-CoP18-041c.pdf">https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/comp/18/doc/E-CoP18-041c.pdf</a>

	<p><b>VI.</b></p> <p>Agenda Item X of the TFAWG</p>	<p><b>Availability of Trade Information on the Internet (Art. 1.2 TFA) and Enquiry points (Art. 1.3)</b>  <i>(To take note and exchange views)</i></p> <p>a) Global Trade Helpdesk (GTH), presentation by ITC  b) Integrated enquiry points, Member's experience</p> <p><i>Global Trade Helpdesk (GTH) is a multi-agency response to the information gap in global trade – a one-stop shop for business and policy makers to access trade data and practical information about target markets. The GTH was launched during the WTO MC11 in December 2017 by the ITC, WTO and UNCTAD together with the implementing agencies including the WCO. The WCO supports this initiative and works with the other stakeholders in further developing the GTH.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the TFAWG and PTC will have an opportunity to hear about a Member's experience on the development of an integrated enquiry point.</i></p>	<p>PT0094E</p>
	<p><b>VIII.</b></p> <p>Agenda Item XII of the TFAWG</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><i>Delegates will have an opportunity to discuss topics in addition to the ones listed in the agenda.</i></p>	
	<p><b>IX.</b></p> <p>Agenda Item XIII of the TFAWG</p>	<p><b>Closing</b></p>	

**DRAFT AGENDA OF THE PTC**

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<p>Wednesday, 6 March 2019</p>	<p><b>X.</b></p>	<p><b>Update and reports</b></p> <p><b>1. "A" items – For Decision</b></p>	

	<p>a) Report from the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Information management Sub-Committee (29-30 October 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WCO Data Model Business Guide</li> </ul> <p>- Update of the WCO Data Model - Data Maintenance Procedure</p> <p>b) Report from the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WCO/UPU Contact Committee (14-16 November 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint WCO–UPU guidelines on the exchange of electronic advance data (EAD) between Posts and Customs</li> </ul> <p>c) Report from the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WCO/IATA/ICAO API/PNR Contact Committee (22-23 January 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Terms of Reference of the API/PNR Contact Committee</li> </ul>	<p>PM0468E</p> <p>PM_0468_An nex_I_E.pdf</p> <p>PM_0468_An nex_II_E.pdf</p> <p>PM_0468_An nex_III_E.pdf</p> <p>PM_0468_An nex_IV_E.pdf</p> <p>PC0549E</p> <p>PU0196E</p> <p>PS0090E</p>
	<p><b>2. “A” items – For information</b></p> <p>d) Inter-sessional developments</p> <p>e) Report from the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SAFE Working Group (17-19 October 2018)</p> <p>f) Report from the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation Working Group (22-23 October 2018)</p> <p>g) Report from the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (12-13 November 2018)</p> <p>h) Report from the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Experts Group on Non-Intrusive Inspection (13-14 December 2018)</p> <p>i) Report from the 80<sup>th</sup> Session of the Policy Commission (3-5 December 2018)</p>	<p>PC0539E</p> <p>LF0191E</p> <p>PT_10th_TFA_Executive_Summary_E.pdf</p> <p>PO0115E</p> <p>PI0017E</p> <p>SP0671E</p>
	<p><b>3. “B” items</b></p> <p>j) Report from the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the WCO Counterfeiting and Piracy (CAP) Group (6-7 December 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Terms of Reference of the CAP Group</li> </ul>	<p>TR0057E</p> <p>PC0540E</p>

	<p>k) Update from the meeting of the Brussels-based Attaches Working Group on Cruise Ships (26 November 2018)</p> <p><i>Update and reports is a standing PTC agenda item which groups together "A"-items, namely reports from different WCO working bodies or from the Secretariat. Some of them require approval (sub-items under 1.), while the majority are for notetaking (sub-items under 2.). However, delegates may raise any issue or launch a relevant discussion, if required. In addition, the Data Model Projects Team (DMPT) has approved a draft update of the WCO Data Model - Data Maintenance Procedure at its meeting in January 2019 to make it more robust and inclusive. The PTC will be requested to approve the updated procedure, if appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>Update and reports item this time also includes a number of "B" items (under 3.) that will require more time for discussion.</i></p>	PC_Item_X.3 .k_CRUISE_ SHIPS_EN.p df
<p><b>XI.</b></p>	<p><b>Future of Customs</b> (For discussion and decision)</p> <p>a) Draft Study Report on Disruptive Technologies</p> <p>b) Blockchain: policy and legal considerations, interoperability, standardization and governance model – Round table discussion</p> <p>c) Presentations by Members</p> <p><i>The objective of the Study Report on Disruptive Technologies is to raise awareness within the Customs community of the latest technologies and their potentials, by firstly demystifying each of them individually and providing practical examples and use cases, but also by sharing some more aspirational and innovative propositions on their use in the future.</i></p> <p><i>The first draft was presented at the April 2018 PTC when the Meeting agreed on the objectives and the structure of the Study Report and to continue exploring the topics and collecting experiences to be included before the next PTC meeting in March 2019.</i></p> <p><i>The version that is now being put forward to the PTC is an updated one and includes new chapters and use cases. The PTC will be invited to endorse the Study Report.</i></p> <p><i>A roundtable on blockchain will take place to discuss the policy and legal considerations, interoperability, governance, data protection and standardization. The PTC will be invited to provide guidance on this matter.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, some of the Members that have submitted their use cases for the Study Report will have an opportunity to present their experiences, benefits gained and challenges faced when introducing latest technologies.</i></p>	<p>PC0541E</p> <p>PC_0541_Ann ex_E.pdf</p> <p>PC0542E</p> <p>PC_0542_Ann ex_E.pdf</p>
<p><b>XII.</b></p>	<p><b>Data Analytics</b></p>	

		<p><i>(For discussion and guidance)</i></p> <p>a) Data analytics and applied to Customs b) Presentation by Member</p> <p><i>This item will discuss the last developments and questions relating to the use of data analytics achieved or observed by the Secretariat at the technical and policy levels. The Secretariat will make a short introduction and one Member will present its strategy to introduce and use data science within the administration (strategy, recruitment, topics addressed by data science).</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be invited to discuss on how to launch a regional or global dynamics to foster the use of data by Customs.</i></p>	PC0543E
	<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>Geodata for Customs</b> <i>(For discussion and guidance)</i></p> <p>a) The use of geodata in Customs b) Presentation by Member</p> <p><i>The PTC will be informed about the nature and uses of geospatial data by Customs administrations. The Secretariat will introduce and summarize the last research developments conducted with Members on GEOINT (Geospatial Intelligence). One external partner will present the potential and current uses by Customs and other border agencies.</i></p> <p><i>The objective of the item is to raise awareness of Customs of the potentialities of geospatial data and respond to technical questions with the aim of demystifying its use.</i></p>	PC0544E
<b>DAY III (Thursday, 7 March 2018)</b>	<b>XIV.</b>	<p><b>WCO Theme of 2019</b> <i>(For discussion and decision)</i></p> <p>o SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport – Panel discussion</p> <p><i>The WCO theme for 2019 is “SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport”. SMART means that Customs should ensure that the following guiding principles are at the centre of Customs compliance, enforcement and facilitation efforts: Secure, Measurable, Automated, Risk Management-based and Technology-driven.</i></p> <p><i>Through a panel discussion, the PTC will identify the key features of SMART borders, examine critical implementation factors, and hear innovative practices/initiatives. Additionally, the PTC will provide guidance on future work on how Customs, in collaboration with partners government agencies and private sector stakeholders, can advance the agenda of</i></p>	PC0545E

		<i>SMART borders.</i>	
	<b>XVI.</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b> <i>(For discussion and guidance)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How can Trade Facilitation and Customs support SDGs</li> <li>b) Presentation by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and the Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)</li> </ul> <p><i>The November 2017 Policy Commission was reported on Customs’s contribution to the UN’s SDGs 2030 by highlighting the links between the Goals and Customs’s strategic missions. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a more in-depth analysis on how Customs can support global supply chains achieving environmental sustainability. Furthermore, the PTC is invited to discuss and provide guidance on the opportunity to review current tools and instruments and decide if there is a need to develop new guidance that will further support Members in facilitating supply chains from an environmental perspective.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will also be addressed by the representative of the UN-OHRLLS who will elaborate more on the topic from a broader perspective.</i></p>	PC0546E
<b>DAY III (Thursday, 7 March 2018)</b>	<b>XVII.</b>	<p><b>Small Island Economies</b> <i>(To take note and for guidance)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o State of play regarding the development of a guidance for Customs administrations of Small Island Economies</li> </ul> <p><i>The November 2018 PTC had discussed the topic of Small Island Economies (SIEs), following a high-level panel discussion on challenges and peculiarities of Customs administrations of SIEs. The Secretariat will orally report on the discussions held during the December 2018 Policy Commission and the activities conducted so far including the regional Workshops, as well as provide an update on the development of the envisaged Guidance for Customs administrations of SIEs based on the draft outline approved by the December 2018 Policy Commission.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be requested to take note of the work done and provide further guidance on the development of the envisaged guidance for Customs administrations in SIEs.</i></p>	SP0671E
	<b>XVIII.</b>	<p><b>Economic Competitiveness Package (ECP)</b> <i>(For discussion and guidance)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Priorities for updating the WCO instruments</li> </ul>	SP0653E1

		<p>and tools under the ECP</p> <p><i>The WCO provides continuous dynamic support to Members regarding the harmonized and efficient implementation of the TFA by means of the various WCO instruments and tools. In addition to long-standing WCO instruments and tools, the WCO, under the framework of “Economic Competitiveness Package (ECP)”, has developed and will continue to develop, maintain and update various instruments and tools that support Members in trade facilitation and security measures. The PTC will have an opportunity to discuss and provide guidance on the priorities for updating the WCO instruments and tools, especially in the context of TFA implementation. More information on the ECP is available on the WCO web site (<a href="http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/key-issues/ecp-latest-proposal.aspx">http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/key-issues/ecp-latest-proposal.aspx</a>) and in the December 2018 Policy Commission document.</i></p>	
	<b>XIX.</b>	<p><b>Special Customs Zones</b> (For discussion and decision)</p> <p>a) Results of field studies and workshops on Special Customs Zones</p> <p>b) Development of a study report and WCO guidance material on Special Customs zones</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will orally report on the outcomes of discussions on Special Customs Zones (SCZs) in the December 2018 Policy Commission and the ongoing activities conducted so far including the research and field work in various SCZs, as well as provide a possible outline of a study report and WCO guidance material on SCZs.</i></p>	PC0547E SP0671E
<b>DAY IV (Friday, 8 March 2018)</b>	<b>XX.</b>	<p><b>Customs laboratories and strategic review of the HS</b> (For discussion and guidance)</p> <p>a) The role of Customs laboratories</p> <p>b) Strategic review of the HS</p> <p><i>Customs laboratories are valuable resources. Maximising the return on the investment in laboratory facilities is key to ensuring that their role as a Customs resource continues and grows.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be informed about the latest developments and challenges in this area and is expected to open a discussion on the role of Customs laboratories. The PTC will be invited to give feedback on the topic and guidance on future actions to enhance the utilisation of laboratories in the modern Customs environment.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will also be updated on the developments regarding a strategic review of the Harmonized System (HS) in light of the evolution of the global supply chain and users’ needs.</i></p>	PC0548E

	<p><b>XXI. Integrity</b> <i>(For discussion and guidance)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Customs-business partnership and the Collective Action Concept in combatting corruption</li> <li>b) Presentation by the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)</li> </ul> <p><i>The lack of Integrity in Customs can distort trade and investment opportunities and undermine public trust in government administration. To this effect, the WCO has developed a robust integrity programme that aims to support Customs administrations in their efforts to improve integrity and devise effective strategies to fight against corruption. The strategy includes development of tools, providing technical assistance and strong advocacy for partnerships particularly with the private sector as set out in the Revised Arusha Declaration (principle 10).</i></p> <p><i>The term “collective action” is often used by Development partners, the private sector and civil society to refer to an approach that seeks to combat corruption “differently”. The PTC will be informed about the concept of collective action, as a form of Customs-business partnership, applicable in the context of enhancing integrity and combatting corruption in Customs.</i></p> <p><i>A private sector organization will share its experience in implementation of the Collective action concept including practical measures taken in collaboration with Customs to prevent corrupt behavior, promote integrity and how it increased the level of trade facilitation.</i></p>	
	<p><b>XXII. Elections</b> <i>(For decision)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Elections of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the PTC</li> </ul> <p><i>The PTC elects a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson each year. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected for a period of one year and are eligible for re-election.</i></p> <p><i>The PTC will be invited to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson amongst its delegates, for the 2019/2020 financial year.</i></p>	

	<p><b>XXIII. Any other business</b> <i>(To take note)</i></p> <p>a) Proposals for agenda items for the next PTC meeting b) Upcoming events</p> <p><i>As is the current practice in every meeting, the PTC will be provided with an opportunity to suggest agenda items for the next PTC meeting. Ideally, the delegates will put forward non paper(s) to support their proposal(s).</i></p> <p><i>Under the same item, the Secretariat will also provide an update on the WCO events and meetings. Delegates are encouraged to share any information on upcoming workshops, seminars, conferences or other relevant meetings of interest to PTC delegates.</i></p>	
	<p><b>XXIV. Closing</b></p>	