ANNEX – II

PROGRESS MADE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE REVISED ECP ACTION PLAN FOR PHASE IV

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1	Small Island Economies (SIEs) : Study of Customs procedures and practices and peculiarities/challenges, and development of Guidance for Customs administrations in SIEs that may include potential recommendations/solutions	PTC	Draft PTC Work Programme 2019-2022	June 2020	The WCO Secretariat has conducted three sub-regional workshops for SIEs in the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean areas with the aim of collecting relevant inputs and national experiences to develop specific Guidance for Customs administrations in SIEs. An established Virtual Drafting Group is now working, with the Secretariat's support, on drafting the envisaged Guidance which will be discussed, provided guidance on and endorsed if appropriate at the October 2020 PTC sessions.
2	Conduct a comprehensive review of the RKC	Working Group on the Comprehensive Review of the RKC, RKC/MC	WGRKC Work Plan	June 2021	The WGRKC held its last meeting in October 2020 to conclude Step 1 of the work plan and to determine what concepts and proposals would be recommended to the RKC/MC for consideration. The RKC/MC will be responsible for the comprehensive review starting with Step 2. The RKC/MC is responsible for assessment and consideration of proposals, development of amendment proposals (negotiating texts) in accordance with the amendment procedures outlined in Article 6 and 15 in the Body to the RKC.

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* The WCO Secretariat will support all the actions in the Action.

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3	Review of the SAFE FoS	SAFE WG		June 2021	The SAFE Review cycle is ongoing. The now cancelled 23rd SWG was expected to review all proposals sent by Members as of Feb 2020. The Secretariat is considering how some of that work might be carried out in the interim.
4	Consider new Guidance on Regional Integration	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	PTC Work Programme	June 2020	It is on the list of inactive topics in the PTC Work Programme, as no interest was expressed in the period 2016-2019.
5	Discuss the development of Guidance on Special Customs Zones	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	PTC Work Programme	December 201919	WCO Research Paper No. 47 entitled ""Extraterritoriality" of Free Zones: The Necessity for Enhanced Customs Involvement" and a preliminary draft of the Guidance on Free Zones were prepared by the Secretariat, based on the findings from field studies and workshops conducted during financial year 2018/2019 and from the WCO online survey in 2018. The revised draft of the Guidance on Free Zones will be discussed at the PTC in October 2020 and is expected to be submitted to the December 2020 PC and Council for potential endorsement.
6	Develop new WCO tools and instruments on trade security and facilitation (e.g. E-Commerce, Digital Customs, AEO, mutual recognition), based on Members' needs	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	PTC Work Programme, WCO Working Group on the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA WG) Work Programme	Continuous activity	Updates regarding tools in the area of E-Commerce are provided in lines 15 and 30 below.

A number of SAFE Package tools and instruments are currently being developed and will be potentially finalized by June 2021. |
| 7 | Develop Guidance on Customs' role in the collection of indirect taxes on imported goods | PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups | Draft PTC Work Programme 2019-2022 | June 2020 | Based on the draft outline approved by the October 2017 PTC meeting, the draft Guidance on Customs' role in the collection of indirect taxes on imported goods is currently under further |

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					development based on inputs/suggestions provided by Members and stakeholders such as OECD and IMF. It will be presented to the 2021 Spring PTC sessions for its consideration, after the collection of few more national examples.
8	Guidelines on the alignment of the WCO's AEO and ICAO's Regulated Agent/Known Consignor programmes	SAFE Working Group and TEGACS	PTC Work Programme	June 2020	The joint WCO-ICAO Guidelines have been finalised and approved by the 14th Technical Experts on Air Cargo Security (TEGACS) held in February 2020. The Guidelines were incorporated in the Final report of the TEGACS to the Policy Commission as a recommendation on how to align the security programmes of Customs and Aviation Security Authorities. The Final Report of the TEGACS to the Policy Commission was approved by the Spring 2020 PTC for submitting to the December 2020 PC and Council.
9	Guiding Principles for Pre-Loading Advance Cargo Information (PLACI)	SAFE Working Group and TEGACS	PTC Work Programme	June 2020	The joint WCO-ICAO Guiding Principles for PLACI have been finalised and approved by the 13th TEGACS held in April 2019 and the 22nd SAFE WG. The Guiding Principles were incorporated in the Final report of the TEGACS to the PC with an aim to recommend how best Advance cargo information could be used for Air Cargo security. The latter was approved by the Spring 2020 PTC for submitting to the December 2020 PC and Council.

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10	Mercury Pilot Project for the e-ATA Carnet	International Chamber of Commerce World Chambers Federation (ICC WCF)	Cooperative work between the WCO, ICC WCF and volunteering WCO Members	June 2020	The 'eATA carnet pilot project' scheduled from October 2019 to March 2020 was implemented successfully thanks to the contributions from ICC/WCF and WCO Members, especially Switzerland, Belgium, China, the US, the Russian Federation, and the UK who participated in the pilot. The pilot will transition and will be improved through the end of 2020 so that the full production system can begin in the first quarter of 2021. As for the schedule of the transition/production period, the ICC/WCF will discuss it again taking into consideration the number of eATA carnets used, the budget limitation, etc.
11	Study Report on Smart Security Devices	SAFE WG	Draft PTC Work Programme 2019-2022	June 2021	Taking into account the discussions which took place at the 2nd Meeting of the SAFE 2021 Review Sub-Groups in February 2020, the Secretariat had put forward to the 23rd meeting of the SAFE Working Group (that was supposed to take place in March 2020) three potential options for the way forward: Option 1: Work on improving the Study Report intersessionally, taking into consideration comments provided by the members of the Mini Group on Smart Security Devices (SSDs), especially some of the general remarks, and subsequently submit the Study Report to the Scientific Sub-Committee; Option 2: Submit the current draft of the Study Report to the Scientific Sub-Committee for further inputs and recommendations, before moving forward with the work; and Option 3: Bearing in mind the lack of interest of Members outside the Mini

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					Group, consider "parking" the Study Report for further development once Members feel ready to move the work forward. However, due to the Covid19 outbreak, the 23rd Meeting of the SAFE Working Group was cancelled, deferring the decision on the way forward to its next meeting.
12	Discuss the development of Guidance on Railways	PTC, API/ PNR-related WCO body	PTC Work Programme	June 20200	Global railway online workshop was held 13-16 October 2020 to discuss possible harmonization of Customs procedures and control, and the data harmonization mapping exercise in the area of Railway Transit was also conducted in the workshop with interested members of DMPT. The result and learning of the workshop will be summarized as a draft Railway Guidance to be submitted to the PTC in 2021 Spring.
13	Support the establishment or management of One Stop Border Control			Continuous activity	The new version of the CBM Compendium and the RKC (particularly chapter 3 of the General Annex) will be promoted as way to support WCO Members in establishing and enhancing One Stop Border Control.
14	Promote the implementation of a Single Window paperless environment and interoperability	Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC), PTC	PTC Work Programme, Work Programme on Digital Customs	Continuous activity	The Single Window (SW) Compendium has been promoted at workshops in the Asia/Pacific (A/P), East and Southern Africa (ESA), Americas (AMS), Europe (EUR) and West and Central Africa (WCA) regions, and during international conferences and working groups organized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and United

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					Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), with the aim of developing standards. A draft update of Part IX of Volume II on "Performance Management and Sustainability" was put forward to the 77th Session of the Information Management Sub-Committee (IMSC) (November 2019) addressing the contribution of SW systems to the achievement of several of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals. A SW Study Report was developed and presented to the joint session of TFA-CBC.
15	Continue enriching the Framework of Standards on Cross-Border E-Commerce and developing associated technical guidance and case studies	Virtual Working Group on E-Commerce, PTC	PTC Work Programme	June 2020	A face-to-face meeting of the WCO Working Group on E-Commerce (WGEC) was held in February 2020. The Meeting endorsed the outstanding three annexes to the E-Commerce Framework of Standards (FoS): Reference Datasets for Cross-Border E-Commerce; Revenue Collection Approaches; and, E-Commerce Stakeholders: Roles and Responsibilities. The WGEC agreed to a draft PTC decision on the update/maintenance mechanism of the E-Commerce FoS. The outcomes of the face-to-face meeting of the WGEC, as well as a draft Compendium of Case Studies on E-Commerce were presented to the Spring 2020 PTC and will be presented to the December 2020 Policy Commission and Council for endorsement. The Spring 2020 PTC also refined and finalised the draft key performance indicators (KPIs) on the E-Commerce FoS.

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16	Joint WCO-UPU Guidelines on data capture and compliance with CN22/CN23 postal forms	WCO-UPU Contact Committee, PTC	WCO-UPU Contact Committee Work Programme	June 2020	The 39th meeting of the WCO - UPU Contact Committee, Bern, 10 and 11 December 2019 approved the joint WCO–UPU guidelines on data capture and CN 22/23 compliance (flow zero) presented by the Spanish Post. The guidelines aim to provide technical guidance to designated operators (DOs) and customs administrations and improve compliance with customs declaration forms (CN 22 and CN 23).
17	Refine and update existing WCO tools and instruments on trade security and facilitation based on Members' needs	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	PTC Work Programme, TFAWG Work Programme	Continuous activity	At its 4th Meeting in December 2018, the Technical Experts Group on Non-intrusive Inspection (TEG-NII) approved an update of Annexes II and III to the WCO Guidelines for the Procurement and Deployment of Scanning/NII Equipment (NII Guidelines). The updates were endorsed by the SAFE WG in April 2019 and were published on the WCO web-site. Another update of the NII Guidelines was presented to the 6th TEG-NII Meeting in November 2019.
18	Collect, analyse and share examples of innovative practice			Continuous activity	As part of the Future of Customs agenda, the PTC in October 2019 held a discussion on strategic foresight where panellists and delegates shared examples of its use in Customs, governments more broadly and the private sector, and agreed on its benefits. Finally, the PTC concluded the discussion by taking note of the presentations and experiences shared, as well as of the suggestions offered regarding how the Secretariat could promote strategic foresight, including sensitization activities, use of regional meetings and the Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs,

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					incorporating it in the environmental scanning process, and examining longer time horizons for such scans. Discussions on the way forward were envisaged on the agenda of the 227th/228th PTC Sessions. The PTC in Spring 2020 endorsed the proposed roadmap for the development of the Strategic Plan 2022-2025 back-to-back with a triennial Environmental Scan, noting some delegates preference for the proposed regional visits to be undertaken by virtual means where feasible, noting, in any case, the need to ensure consultations were undertaken with due consideration of time and cost.
19	Compile a Compendium of Best Practices in the area of transit	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	PTC Work Programme, TFAWG Work Programme	June 2020	The Secretariat compiled a Compendium of Best Practices in the Area of Transit to support Members with practical examples of enhancing transit regimes' efficiency and effectiveness. The best practices were collected through a series of regional workshops delivered to all six WCO regions during the period from November 2017 to April 2019, and as a result of a call for submission of best practices from Members. The draft Compendium includes a separate section for each WCO region. The first draft of the Compendium was presented to the October 2019 PTC sessions. The final draft of the document was endorsed by the Spring 2020 PTC sessions and will be submitted for endorsement by the Policy Commission and Council in December 2020.

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20	Fifth WCO Global Conference on AEO	SAFE Working Group		March 2020	To ensure the success of the Conference in view of the prevailing global circumstances, Dubai Customs and the UAE Federal Customs Authority proposed to the WCO to postpone the Conference that was planned from 10 to 12 March 2020. After careful consideration, the WCO Secretariat agreed to the request of the host administration to reschedule the 5th WCO Global AEO Conference to 15 - 17 February 2021, in Dubai, UAE.
21	2020 WCO Technology Conference			June 2020	Due to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Conference was postponed to 2021. In the meantime, the WCO TECH-CON Webinar will be held on 11-13 November 2020.
22	Update and implement the TFA Working Group Work Programme	TFAWG	TFAWG Work Programme, TFAWG Annual Work Plan	Continuous activity	The TFAWG Work Programme and Annual Work Plan for Financial Year 2020-2021 has been approved by the TFAWG at its12th meeting in March 2020.
23	Regional ICAO-WCO joint training workshops on air cargo security and facilitation	SAFE WG, TEGACS	PTC Work Programme	June 2020	One regional ICAO-WCO joint training workshop on Air cargo security and Facilitation for AMS region scheduled in Mar/Apr 2020 has been cancelled due to the global health crisis.
24	Joint ICAO-WCO Conference on air cargo security and facilitation	SAFE WG, TEGACS	PTC Work Programme	June 2020	This action has been cancelled because of a lack of Member interest.
25	Involve the private sector in relevant WCO committees, working groups, seminars and workshops	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups		Continuous activity	The Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG) has been actively contributing to the facilitation-related (and other) discussions in the WCO. At its last meeting in October 2019, it discussed developing a vision for the future, review of the RKC, free trade zones, performance measurement, the future of SAFE and AEOs.

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						The latter was presented at the 2nd meeting of the SAFE Review Sub-Groups in February 2020.
26		Develop a study report on the roles and expectations of various private sector stakeholders in supply chain management	SAFE WG		June 2020	This activity is cancelled for the time being due to lacking resources
27		Publish useful awareness-raising material			Continuous activity	The new and updated WCO tools have been published on the WCO website. Five new best practices on the Single Window have been uploaded on the WCO website. The Research Paper on Free Zones has also been made available on the website. The Cross Border E-Commerce FoS, The Study Report on Disruptive Technologies have been published. A brochure on the WCO Data Model was published and shared with the Members at relevant meetings.
28		Report regularly to the PTC			Continuous activity	A progress report on the ECP Action Plans is a standing item in both PTC and PC Agendas.
29		Update of the AEO Compendium	SAFE WG		Annual	The AEO Compendium Survey has been consolidated with other annual WCO surveys and is currently ongoing.
30		Compendium of E-Commerce case studies	PTC		June 2020	The draft Compendium of Case Studies on E-Commerce was presented to the Spring 2020 PTC and will be presented to the December 2020 Policy Commission and Council for endorsement.
31		Online repository of case studies on the Single Window environment			Continuous activity	Five cases have been developed and uploaded online to the WCO Members website.

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32	Update the Study Report on Disruptive Technologies with new case studies	PTC, Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs		June 2020	The Study Report was to be updated with Members' practices collected through regional workshops. However, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the first regional workshop was cancelled.
33	Regional Experience-Sharing Workshops on Disruptive Technologies	PTC		June 2020	The first one planned for the Asia/Pacific region, scheduled to take place in Xiamen, China, in March 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Discussions are taking place about carrying out the first one virtually in the European region (the Netherlands) potentially in last quarter of 2020. However, due to the ongoing disruptions, this is still uncertain.
34	Accredit more Mercator Programme Advisors (if required) and Technical and Operational Advisors in the areas addressed by the TFA	TFAWG, other relevant committees or working groups	TFAWG Work Programme, TFAWG Annual Work Plan	Continuous activity	There are currently 76 Mercator Programme Advisors registered in the WCO experts' database. No further accreditations are being planned. However, refreshers for the active MPAs are usually carried out once a year. An accreditation workshop for French-speaking transit experts was held in March 2019 with the objective of enhancing the pool of TOAs on Transit. As a result of the workshop, seven experts were pre-accredited.

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35	Deliver tailor-made capacity building projects for TFA implementation	TFAWG, other relevant committees or working groups	TFAWG Work Programme, TFAWG Annual Work Plan	Continuous activity	The TFAWG meetings are regularly updated on the progress under the Mercator Programme. Document HC0132 from the Joint Session of the 12th TFAWG and the 11th CBC session held in March 2020 provides an overview of the developments in the preceding year. Furthermore, the WCO Mercator Programme Report 2014-2018 gives a broader overview of the achievements under the programme, and is currently being updated with a view to including the developments in the period between July 2018 and June 2020. It is expected to be launched in last quarter of 2020.
36	Support the establishment or management of National Committees on Trade Facilitation	WCO TFAWG	TFAWG Work Programme, TFAWG Annual Work Plan	Continuous activity	There has not been a significant number of requests for technical assistance and capacity building support in this area in the recent past, due to the fact that most Members had already established NCTFs in the meantime. However, NCTFs are a standing item at the TFAWG meetings, allowing Members to share their experiences on the challenges and opportunities in managing them.
37	Provide capacity building support to Members with the implementation of the Framework of Standards on Cross-Border E-Commerce in a harmonized and effective manner, under the terms of the June 2018 Council Resolution on the Framework	Virtual Working Group on E-Commerce, PTC, Capacity Building Committee (CBC)		Continuous activity	During the reporting period, two regional workshops on cross-border E-Commerce were delivered for the EUR and MENA regions, as well as a national workshop for Nepal. The WGEC at its February 2020 meeting discussed the implementation of the E-Commerce Framework of Standards by Members and agreed with the associated Capacity Building support plan including holding an accreditation workshop on e-commerce in August 2020.

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38	Provide capacity building support to Members with the implementation of the SAFE FoS, AEO programmes and MRAs and accredit more Technical and Operational Advisors in these areas	SAFE WG, CBC		Continuous activity	Technical assistance and capacity building activities have been carried out upon request to support Members in implementing AEO programmes and MRAs.
39	Support and enhance Members' exchange of information capabilities within Globally Networked Customs (GNC)	IMSC, PTC		Continuous activity	In the PTC 225th/226th Sessions, the Secretariat presented the current state of play and relevant areas for a possible way forward on the GNC Agenda. Delegates decided that GNC should be a permanent topic and may need further discussions to achieve a common agreed approach on the way forward. As a follow up, a panel discussion on GNC Agenda is foreseen at the next Autumn PTC Meeting. A WCO-ESCAP joint task force on a GNC UB, which includes 3 members from AP and 1 Member from Europe Region, is currently in the implementation phase.
40	Capacity building activities to harmonize regulatory requirements and comply with the WCO Data Model (DM)			Continuous activity	Three activities that were planned were postponed due to COVID-19.
41	Support Members with the implementation of Single Window (SW) systems			Continuous activity	A mission to Serbia was delivered. All other missions have been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

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42	Capacity building to support the implementation of the WCO's existing instruments and tools			Continuous activity	A Sub-regional Workshop on Transit for the ASEAN Members was held from 17 to 21 February 2020.
43	Study Report on Disruptive Technologies	PTC, Virtual Working Group on the Future of Customs	PTC Work Programme	June 2019	Completed
44	Develop Guidelines on interoperability/ interconnectivity of IT systems/ Single Windows	PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	PTC Work Programme, TFA WG Work Programme	June 2020	A draft table of contents was presented to the last PTC meeting under the GNC session in the format of a possible review of the GNC Handbook. Delegates asked for further discussion to identify possible ways forward for GNC and for a possible review of the GNC Handbook. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the necessity to scale down the PTC agenda, the foreseen panel discussions were postponed to future PTC meetings.
45	Provide a framework to consolidate the development, promotion and deployment of the WCO's Information Technology (IT)-related standards, instruments, tools, guidelines and systems	IMSC, SAFE WG, other related WCO committees or working groups	WCO Digital Customs Agenda	Continuous activity	In response to Members' request to further develop Part IX of Volume 2 of the Compendium "Performance Management & Sustainability", the Secretariat has presented to the 77th session of the IMSC in November 2019 a first draft of additional content to Part IX of Volume 2 of the Compendium titled "Mapping the Single Window (SW) contribution channels to SDGs". The proposal aims at defining a conceptual framework to assist Members in developing SW impact indicators that are aligned with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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					The SW Compendium has been promoted at workshops in the Asia/Pacific (A/P), East and Southern Africa (ESA), Americas (AMS), Europe (EUR) and West and Central Africa (WCA) regions, and during international conferences and working groups organized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), with the aim of developing standards.
46	Development of a Handbook on Information Security	IMSC, other related WCO committees or working groups		June 2020	Approved by the IMSC at its 76th Meeting in May 2019, and subsequently by the PTC at its 225th / 226th in October 2019.
47	Promote the implementation of GNC. Develop new Utility Blocks, also taking into account the application of new technologies for information exchange (including blockchain and cloud computing)	Data Model Projects Team (DMPT), IMSC, PTC, other related WCO committees or working groups	WCO Digital Customs Agenda	June 2020	In the PTC 225th/226th Sessions, the Secretariat presented the current state of play and relevant areas for a possible way forward on the GNC Agenda. Delegates decided that GNC should be a permanent topic and may need further discussions to achieve a common agreed approach on the way forward. As a follow up, a panel discussion on GNC Agenda is foreseen at the next Autumn PTC Meeting. A WCO-ESCAP joint task force on a GNC UB, which includes 3 members from AP and 1 Member from Europe Region, is currently in the implementation phase.

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48	Upgrade the WCO Single Window Interactive Map (SWIM) and the WCO Reform and Modernization - Monitoring Activities and Projects (RAM-MAP) platform			January 2020	The 2019 SW Survey, aimed at updating information on the upgraded WCO SWIM-RAMMAP platform, has collected feedback from over 100 countries, and has been the subject of an analytical study report on the current state of play of National Single Windows presented at the 12th Meeting of the TFAWG. During the same meeting, progress on the development of the "Reform and Modernization – Monitoring Activities and Projects" (RAM-MAP) and "Single Window Interactive Map" (SWIM) were presented, including the WCO global activities, the e-Needs Assessment, and the e-Evaluation Forms.
49	Use IT to support Coordinated Border Management	IMSC, other related WCO committees or working groups	WCO Digital Customs Agenda	Continuous activity	Work is in progress to update the Coordinated Border Management (CBM) Compendium in order to reflect some of the emerging issues, including IT aspects and issues relating to interoperability/interconnectivity of systems and processes within government and across borders. Technical assistance missions will be planned within the CBM framework.
50	Revision of the technical and non-technical Guidelines of the WCO Data Model	IMSC, other related WCO committees or working groups	WCO Digital Customs Agenda	Continuous activity	The DMPT discussed an update to the Business Guide on the WCO DM at its 56th Meeting in October 2019.
51	Enhancement of electronic services (including cloud computing solutions) in Customs and border processes : development of a Handbook on Electronic Services	IMSC, other related WCO committees or working groups		June 2020	The IMSC agreed to include the content of the envisaged draft Handbook into the Guidelines on the General Annex of the RKC (RKC ICT Guidelines) at its 77th Meeting in November 2019.

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52	Update of the RKC ICT Guidelines	IMSC, RKC/MC		June 2021	The IMSC received proposal from Members and agreed to include topics on Electronic Services and Role of ICT in Integrity in the review and update process.
53	Exploration of new and emerging technologies (e.g. blockchain) in the Customs environment, and related work in terms of standardization, interoperability and data quality. Development of a comprehensive concept paper on blockchain : policy and technical perspectives	IMSC, other related WCO committees or working groups		June 2020	The IMSC examined a draft white paper on blockchain at its 77th Meeting in October 2019 and agreed to provide input to the draft for further discussion at the next meeting in 2020.
54	Examination of the use of Product Identification Systems in Customs and other regulatory processes	PTC, IMSC		June 2020	The work was not completed due to a lack of interest from Members. This work will be carried out in the next phase.
55	Update of the WCO TRS Software	PTC, IMSC, CBC, Working Group on Performance Measurement (WGPM)		Continuous activity	The WCO will seek the approval of the PTC to explore possibilities to update the WCO TRS software. The proposal to update the software has already been drafted, and it is rescheduled to be presented to the PTC in 2021.
56	Standardization of required data and modern tools for data exchange	PTC, IMSC, DMPT		Continuous activity	The DMPT finalized WCO Data Model version 3.9.0, released in December 2019.
57	Explore the possibility of releasing a new major version (Version 4.0.0) of the WCO Data Model	DMPT, IMSC		June 2020	The DMPT recommended the production a new Major version 4.0.0 of the WCO DM by 2021 at its 55th Meeting in October 2019, primarily in order to enhance the quality of the WCO DM. This recommendation was subsequently

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					approved by the IMSC at its 77th Meeting in November 2019. The DMPT discussed the proposals for the scope of version 4 and will update the IMSC in Nov 2020 and PTC in May 2021.
58	Research paper/ development of Guidelines on SW automation processes, audit policies and mechanisms, and their impact on integrity aspects			September 2020	Not accomplished due to a lack of funding. Deadline extended in ECP Action Plan for Phase V (Action 57)
59	Enhance cooperation with the World Trade Organization	TFA WG	TFAWG Work Programme, TFAWG Annual Work Plan	Continuous activity	Strong cooperation with the WTO continued in 2019 with WCO participation in the WTO Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) meetings and TFA Facility workshops and, vice versa, with WTO participation in WCO meetings. The Chairperson of the TFC provided a keynote speech at the Joint session of the 12th TFAWG and 11th CBC.
60	Enhance cooperation with other international organizations	Relevant working bodies		Continuous activity	Cooperation also continues with other organizations supporting the role of Customs, including the implementation of the TFA (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), World Bank, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and others), as well as with other standard-setting organizations (World Organisation for Animal Health (OiE), Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), the Basel Convention Secretariat).

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					Several activities have been conducted to promote cooperation with other border agencies and other international organizations. These agencies and organizations have participated in various WCO working bodies. Recent cooperation with other international organizations is exemplified by the joint work surrounding COVID-19.
61	Enhance cooperation with the Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG)	SAFE WG		Continuous activity	The WCO has collaborated with several private sector organizations including the Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG) in the area of Performance Measurement and the RKC Review, as well as being engaged in the development and update of related instruments and tools such as the SAFE Framework of Standards (FoS). Joint cooperation surrounding the COVID-19 response is a recent example
62	Ensure effective use of the WCO Web site to promote existing WCO tools and instruments			Continuous activity	The WCO website has been updated regularly to promote existing tools and instruments, New and updated tools have been published on the website. Since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic, the WCO created a section on the website dedicated to COVID-19, where the Secretariat uploaded the existing instruments and tools that can inform the measures taken by Members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and publish newly developed guidance material. The COVID-19 web-section also hosts a repository of Members' practices in response to the pandemic and other relevant information.

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63	Enhance WCO attendance at events or conferences organized by other international organizations or by the private sector			Continuous activity	The WCO has participated in a number of events and activities organized by other international organizations (e.g. WTO, World Bank Group, Universal Postal Union (UPU), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), OECD, UNCTAD, United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN- OHRLLS), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA), International Railway Summit, the Organization for Cooperation of Railways (OSJD), International Union of Railways (UIC), Financial Stability Board, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), IPPC, OIE and CAC) and has contributed therein. The WCO also participated in meetings organized by the private sector, such as IPCSA, Smarter Border Management, and Microsoft (PSCG member).