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THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING the need to modernize Customs Administrations' strategies to combat commercial fraud and illicit drugs trafficking whilst constantly seeking to ensure the smooth flow of legitimate goods in international trade,

NOTING that intelligence constitutes a vital weapon for Customs Administrations in the fight against commercial fraud and illicit drugs trafficking which are becoming increasingly international in character,

CONVINCED that the exchange of intelligence at national, regional and international level must be improved in order to render enforcement action by Customs services more effective and secure the optimum use of available resources,

HAVING REGARD to the provisions of the Nairobi Convention (1977) and the Recommendations of the Customs Co-operation Council on mutual administrative assistance (1953) and the exchange and pooling of information on Customs fraud and illicit drugs trafficking (1967, 1971, 1975, 1985), which Members are urged to adopt where they have not yet done so,

INVITES AND ENCOURAGES Members to ensure that the necessary administrative structures and procedures are in place for the active generation of intelligence on all types of fraud, including commercial fraud and illicit drugs trafficking and, consistent with prevailing legal provisions, to communicate such intelligence to CCC Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices (RILOs) and/or the CCC Central Information System as appropriate,

STRESSES the need for Members to participate actively in intelligence sharing at both national and regional levels and thus enhance administrative and operational co-operation,

UNDERLINES the importance of increased co-operation and effective exchange of intelligence on a reciprocal and equitable basis between the Customs Co-operation Council and other international organizations involved in action to combat commercial fraud and/or illicit drugs trafficking such as ICPO/Interpol, UNDCP, UNESCO, CITES.

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