Summary of the Sixteenth Virtual Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation

Date and Time: 22 February 2017, 13:00 – 14:00 (Bangkok time)

Agenda
1) Roll call
2) Adoption of agenda
3) Draft road map
4) Mutual recognition mechanism
5) Technical gap checklist
6) Template for individual action plan
7) Any other business

Participants
1) Mr. Umar Wahid (Vice-chair)
2) Mr. Sergey Kiryushkin
3) Mr. Tahseen Khan
4) Mr. Sangwon Lim (secretariat)

Major discussions
✓ The meeting discussion was facilitated by Mr. Wahid (one of TWG vice-chairs)
✓ The meeting adopted the agenda with no change.
✓ The secretariat introduced a draft road map, including its background, structure and annex. He also informed the meeting that the document would be further reviewed and revised during the upcoming 4th meeting of the Legal and Technical Working Groups.
✓ On mutual recognition, the secretariat reminded the meeting that Mr. Kiryushkin already introduced his contribution paper in the last meeting, and members of the TWG were to provide their comments and feedback. Mr. Khan mentioned that he would review it and provide his comments. Mr. Kiryushkin mentioned that he received comments from Mr. Ha and Mr. Wahid and would revise the paper by incorporating their comments in next two weeks.
✓ On the technical gap checklist, the secretariat introduced the most recent version of the technical gap checklist, including its structure, contents and annex. He requested the participants to review it and share their comments for its further improvement.
✓ Regarding developing a template for an individual action plan, the secretariat introduced the draft template, highlighting that it was designed in alignment with the approach taken in designing a draft road map but focusing only on individual action. He also requested the meeting participants to review it and share their comments.
✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that next meeting would be physical meeting to be held on 21-22 March 2017.
Mr. Wahid closed the meeting with thanks to the participating members.

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