

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

- **Date and Time: 27 April 2016, 13:00 (Bangkok time)**
- **Agenda**
  - 1) Roll call
  - 2) Adoption of agenda
  - 3) Introduction to use of TWG group mail and working group webpage
  - 4) Review of progress made in TWG tasks since the 3<sup>rd</sup> LTWGs Meeting
  - 5) Any other business
- **Participants**
  - 1) Mr. Umar Wahid (Vice-chair)
  - 2) Mr. Sergey Kiryushkin
  - 3) Ms. Tatiana Ermolaeva
  - 4) Mr. Tahseen Khan
  - 5) Mr. Sangwon Lim (secretariat)
- **Major discussions**
  - ✓ The meeting discussion was moderated by Mr. Wahid as a vice-chair.
  - ✓ The meeting adopted the agenda without any changes.
  - ✓ The secretariat briefly introduced a document explaining how to use TWG group mail and working group webpage. The secretariat also informed the meeting that TWG members would be welcome to contact the secretariat anytime for any queries on the use of TWG group mail and working group webpage
  - ✓ The secretariat introduced progress status of TWG tasks, under the category of their maturity level.
  - ✓ For the tasks in need of coordination/joint work with the Legal Working Group such as mutual recognition mechanisms, Mr. Wahid confirmed his commitment to coordination on behalf of the TWG as a liaison officer. Mr. Sergey mentioned that Russia would provide comments on work items related to mutual recognition mechanisms after internal review.
  - ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that it would complete annexes of the international standards implementation framework as much as possible and circulate it one week before the next TWG virtual meeting, so that members of the TWG would have enough time to review and could have a productive discussion during the next TWG virtual meeting.
  - ✓ For capacity building strategy, the secretariat informed the meeting that it would prepare an initial rough draft and circulate it one week before the next TWG virtual

meeting, so that members of the TWG would have enough time to review and could have a productive discussion during the next TWG virtual meeting.

- ✓ The meeting found the Malaysian individual action plan (an example of APEC paperless trading individual action plan) relevant and valuable and agreed to use it as a base in developing a template for individual action plan. For collective action plan, the meeting found that review of existing references and examples could be a good starting point.
- ✓ The vice-chair reminded the meeting of setting timeline for delivery of each TWG tasks. The secretariat would propose tentative timeline for delivery of each TWG tasks and circulate it to the TWG members before the next TWG virtual meeting.
- ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that the next TWG virtual meeting would be held at 13:00 (Bangkok time) on 25 May 2016.
- ✓ The vice-chair closed the meeting with thanks to the participating members.