

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

- **Date and Time: 17 February 2016, 13:00 (Bangkok time)**
- **Agenda**
 - 1) Roll call
 - 2) Adoption of agenda
 - 3) Review of progress made in TWG tasks
 - Draft international standards implementation strategy
 - Draft technical gap checklist
 - Draft TORs for the Council and Standing Committee
 - 4) Update on sharing of working group deliverables on the Steering Group webpage
 - 5) Any other business
- **Participants**
 - 1) Mr. Umar Wahid (Vice-chair)
 - 2) Mr. Ahmad Hafiz Abdul Aziz
 - 3) Ms. Noor Maria Zainudin
 - 4) Mr. Hisanao Sugamata
 - 5) Mr. Sergey Kiryushkin
 - 6) Mr. Tahseen Khan
 - 7) Mr. Sangwon Lim (secretariat)
- **Major discussions**
 - ✓ The meeting discussion was facilitated by the secretariat because the vice-chair had communication difficulty due to connectivity problem.
 - ✓ The meeting adopted the agenda without any changes.
 - ✓ The meeting discussed progress in preparing a draft international standards implementation strategy. Mr. Sugamata informed the meeting that he did not receive any further inputs on his revised draft, and also expressed his preferred view of not listing candidate international standards in the strategy document. The meeting requested the members to review the document and share their expert inputs during next one week.
 - ✓ The secretariat briefly introduced a draft technical gap checklist, prepared by Ms. Marianne Wong, including its intended purpose and usage. Mr. Kiryushkin shared his view that the current draft checklist should also include issues of accessibility, integrity and legal significance, in addition to confidentiality in information security. He also agreed to provide his expert inputs on those issues for improvement of the checklist

- ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that the revised draft TORs for the Council and Standing Committee would be passed to the Legal Working Group for further deliberation.
- ✓ The secretariat introduced discussion list in working group page of Steering Group webpage, including available functions. He also informed the meeting that access information for the working group pages would be notified this week to the members of the working groups.
- ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that next virtual meeting of the TWG would be held at 13:00 (Bangkok time) on 9 March 2016, which would be the last virtual meeting before the 3rd meeting of the Legal and Technical Working Groups. The secretariat also mentioned that no sponsorship would be available for experts and developing country members for the upcoming meeting due to unavailability of budget. In this connection, the secretariat mentioned that it would, in consultation with the chair of the TWG, design the tentative agenda of the TWG for the 3rd meeting of the Legal and Technical Working Groups in a way to accommodate virtual participation of willing experts and members as much as possible.
- ✓ The secretariat closed the meeting with thanks to the participating members.