

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

- **Date and Time:** 27 January 2016, 13:00 – 14:20 (Bangkok time)
- **Agenda**
  - 1) Roll call
  - 2) Adoption of agenda
  - 3) Update on outcome of the LWG meeting and its implication to the work of TWG
  - 4) Update on progress made in TWG tasks
  - 5) Any other business
- **Participants**
  - 1) Mr. SP Sahu (Chair)
  - 2) Mr. Ahmad Hafiz Abdul Aziz
  - 3) Ms. (to be updated)
  - 4) Mr. Hisanao Sugamata
  - 5) Mr. Seung Hyun Cha
  - 6) Mr. Tahseen Khan
  - 7) Mr. Sangwon Lim (secretariat)
- **Major discussions**
  - ✓ The chair opened the meeting with roll call of participants.
  - ✓ The meeting adopted the agenda without any changes.
  - ✓ The secretariat briefed the meeting on major decisions made at the Legal Working Group meeting held on 19-21 January 2016. The meeting discussed its implication to the work of the TWG and noted impact of, among others, Article 8 on mutual recognition.
  - ✓ Mr. Sugamata updated the meeting on progress in international standards implementation strategy, highlighting major revisions done by him on the draft document. He also pointed out that a new para. 3 of Article 8, in particular bilateral/multilateral arrangements, could affect work on international standards implementation strategy; in this connection, he informed the meeting that he would revise the draft to incorporate this point and share it with members of the TWG.
  - ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that it would revise the draft TORs of the Council and Standing Committee in accordance with the decision of the Legal Working Group meeting held on 19-21 January 2016 and circulate it to TWG members for one week review, with subsequent submission to the LWG for takeover of the task. The

secretariat also informed the meeting that it would upload all the pending reference documents for the TWG tasks to the TWG webpage by next week.

- ✓ The secretariat also informed the meeting that next virtual meeting of the TWG would be held at 13:00 (Bangkok time) on 17 February 2016.
- ✓ The chair closed the meeting with thanks to the participating members.