

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

- **Date and Time: 5 October 2016, 13:00 (Bangkok time)**
- **Agenda**
 - 1) Roll call
 - 2) Adoption of agenda
 - 3) Cross-border Paperless Trade Reference Map
 - 4) Mutual recognition mechanism
 - 5) Developing templates for individual and collective action plan
 - 6) Any other business
- **Participants**
 - 1) Mr. Umar Wahid (Vice-chair)
 - 2) Mr. Sergey Kiryushkin
 - 3) Mr. Tahseen Khan
 - 4) Mr. Hisanao Sugamata
 - 5) Mr. Sungheun Ha
 - 6) Ms. Karina Kudakaeva
 - 7) Mr. Sangwon Lim (secretariat)
- **Major discussions**
 - ✓ The meeting discussion was facilitated by the secretariat with the permission of participating vice-chair (Mr. Umar Wahid).
 - ✓ The meeting adopted the agenda with no change.
 - ✓ Regarding the Cross-border Paperless Trade Reference Map, Mr. Ha updated the meeting on his progress in further developing the template. The meeting also discussed improving the template in its user-friendliness by creating separate sheet at document level to accommodate putting more detailed information in relevant space. On a query on purpose of the reference map, the secretariat explained that it would be a reference document for the parties to the Framework Agreement to use as a reference on understanding cross-border paperless trade process and possibly select a pilot project.
 - ✓ On mutual recognition mechanism, Mr. Ha presented to the meeting on a new study project on China-ROK mutual recognition of PKI-based digital certificates (see the attachment for details). Upon listening to Mr. Ha's presentation, queries were made on use of other technology than PKI and possible expansion of the project to include other countries, in particular India, considering that India and ROK already concluded a bilateral MOU on cooperation in mutual recognition of digital signature. Mr. Ha responded that a finger-print technology was also used in the project and also agreed to discuss with the Korean certificate authority on possible expansion of the project. Mr.

Kiryushkin made a comment on value of this approach for those countries with technological maturity as well as potential difficulty of this approach for countries with different technical infrastructure and readiness. Mr. Kiryushkin also briefed the meeting on progress made by the Russian team of experts regarding developing criteria for substantially equivalent level of reliability. The meeting requested him to provide his progress update in a written form. Mr. Khan suggested that an expert from the PAA community to present its mutual recognition approach to the TWG in the future to draw lessons for the mutual recognition mechanism of the Framework Agreement.

- ✓ With regard to developing template for action plans, the secretariat proposed to prepare an initial draft of a template for an individual action plan by itself, for more effective discussion by the TWG from next virtual meeting.
 - ✓ On any other business, the meeting discussed and agreed on changing categories of international standards from political to policy and organization to process in the annex of the international standard implementation framework. The secretariat informed the meeting that the Framework Agreement has been open for signature from 1 October 2016. The secretariat also informed the meeting that an extended UNNExT advisory group meeting would be held on 22-24 November in Bangkok with the participation of selected UNNExT experts to work on selected technical and legal tasks of the road map to expedite their delivery, also mentioning that interested members of the Legal and Technical Working Groups would be welcome to join for contribution.
 - ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that the next TWG virtual meeting would be held at 13:00 (Bangkok time) on 2 November 2016.
 - ✓ The secretariat closed the meeting with thanks to the participating members.
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