

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

- **Date and Time: 31 August 2016, 13:00 (Bangkok time)**
- **Agenda**
 - 1) Roll call
 - 2) Adoption of agenda
 - 3) International standards implementation framework
 - 4) Developing templates for individual and collective action plan
 - 5) Cross-border Paperless Trade Reference Map
 - 6) Any other business
- **Participants**
 - 1) Mr. Umar Wahid (Vice-chair)
 - 2) Mr. Sergey Kiryushkin
 - 3) Mr. Tahseen Khan
 - 4) Mr. Jonathan Koh
 - 5) Mr. Sungheun Ha
 - 6) Mr. Sangwon Lim (secretariat)
- **Major discussions**
 - ✓ The meeting discussion was facilitated by the secretariat (Note: one of vice-chairs [Mr. Umar Wahid] joined the meeting but could not interact actively due to technical issues in communication).
 - ✓ The meeting adopted the agenda with addition of a discussion on mutual recognition mechanism in any other business.
 - ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that Mr. Sugamata, main contributor to the international standards implementation framework, could not join the meeting today. The meeting decided to share comments on the draft document and convey them to Mr. Sugamata for consideration. One comment was made on possible change of categorization from “Political, Organizational, Semantic and Technical” to “Policy, Process, Semantic and Technical (or Syntax).
 - ✓ With regard to developing template for action plans, the secretariat introduced the APEC Individual Action Plan Guidelines as a reference document for possibly using it in designing the template. The secretariat informed the meeting that it was in the process of engaging in APEC secretariat for receiving inputs on individual action plan.
 - ✓ Regarding the Cross-border Paperless Trade Reference Map, Mr. Ha informed the meeting that he would share his additional inputs in one month or two to make the template more complete.

- ✓ On mutual recognition mechanism, Mr. Ha informed the meeting of his new study project on China-ROK mutual recognition of PKI-based digital certificates and agreed to prepare one page introductory note on it for sharing more details with the TWG members. Upon listening to Mr. Ha's introduction, queries were made on specific cryptography technology to be used and difference with the PAA mutual recognition mechanism. One suggestion was made on possibly expanding 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. Kiryushkin informed the meeting that Russian team of experts have continued working on mutual recognition mechanism and should be able to share a document in October this year.
 - ✓ The secretariat informed the meeting that the next TWG virtual meeting would be held at 13:00 (Bangkok time) on 5 October 2016.
 - ✓ The secretariat closed the meeting with thanks to the participating members.
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