An effective national committee for Implementing CPTA

Agenda item 2(c)

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Article 6.3 on national committee

The Parties may establish a national committee.

The Parties may alternatively rely on a similar body already functioning domestically

National Trade Facilitation Committees

Parties	Availability of a trade facilitation committee or similar body[1]	Further information on the trade facilitation Committee[2]
Azerbaijan	Yes	National Working Group on transport and trade (AZERPRO)
Bangladesh	Yes	There are two TF bodies: Working Group on Trade Facilitation and Customs Valuation; and National Trade Facilitation Committee.
China	Yes	National Trade Facilitation Committee of China
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Yes	No information available
Mongolia	Yes	National Trade Facilitation Committee of Mongolia
Philippines	Yes	Philippine Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC)
Republic of Korea	Yes	No information available
Tajikistan	Yes	No information available
Timor-Leste	Yes	Comissão Nacional de Facilitação do Comércio
Turkmenistan	No information available	No information available
Tuvalu	Yes	No information available

1. https://www.untfsurvey.org/
2. https://unctad.org/topic/transport-and-trade-logistics/trade-facilitation/committees-around-world

Structure of the Committee

- Public sector (all relevant government agencies in charge of cross-border paperless trade).
- Private sector traders (importers and exporters)
- Private sector trade services providers (carriers, freight forwarders, multimodal transport operators, banking institutions, insurance companies, software providers, etc.), who can offer market-oriented trade and transport solutions within the framework of national and international trade and transport practices, obligations, and laws.

Activities of the Committee

- At the **strategic** level: makes strategic decisions.
- At the **operational** level: prepare reports, develop proposals, and offer recommendations for achieving the objective of the cross-border paperless plan.
- At the **technical** level, ad hoc Working Groups (either permanent or temporary) could be formed to undertake specific tasks defined by the committee.

The Committee may discuss

- How to establish/maintain an effective national committee
- How to ensure the effective communication between the secretariat and national stakeholders
- the main tasks, including short-, medium- and long-term tasks, that the national committee should undertake.

Possible outcome of the session

- The Standing Committee identifies solution on establishing/maintain an effective national committee for implementing CPTA
- The Standing Committee identify solutions on ensuring the effective communication between the secretariat and national stakeholders.
- The Standing Committee recommends that each Party establish or designate a national committee for implementing CPTA and reports the progress within 3 months after the second session of the Paperless Trade Council.
- The Standing Committee provide recommendations that possible short-, medium- and long-term tasks that the national committee should undertake.