Second Session of the Standing Committee of the Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Paperless Trade for Asia and the Pacific

United Nations Conference Center, Bangkok

19-21 June 2023

Tentative Programme

Monday, 19 June 2023

0830-0900 hours Registration

0900-0915 hours Item 1 Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening remarks
(b) Election of officers
(c) Adoption of the agenda

0915-1000 hours Item 2 Discussion on the implementation of prioritised tasks of the Framework Agreement

The first session of the Standing Committee, held on 12-15 December 2022, prioritised the tasks for implementing the Framework Agreement. This agenda item aims to review the progress of implementing each task and discuss way forward.

(a) Review a template for designing a national policy framework1.
(b) Discuss the capacity building strategies and review a background document on capacity building strategy2.
(c) Discuss how to establish and maintain an effective national committee according to article 6.3 of the Framework Agreement.
(d) Review the cross-border paperless trade database and discuss the strategy to utilize and improve the database (https://www.digitalizetrade.org/).
(e) Discuss how to prioritize cross-border paperless trade processes, documents and data for pilot projects3.

This agenda item may also review the work plan and some background documents of the following tasks4.

(f) Discuss how to develop a guide to help facilitate concurrent implementation of national and cross-border paperless trade systems.
(g) Develop a model memorandum of understanding and service-level agreement to be used by parties at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

1 The background paper for discussion is available [link]. This document will be further refined before the meeting.
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3 The preliminary study results on possible pilot projects in the selected Parties will be presented at the meeting.
4 If there is not enough time to discuss every topic, the Committee will decide how to further work on the topics after the meeting.
Discuss how to prepare a guide on engaging in a cross-border exchange of trade-related data and documents in electronic form consistent with regional and international laws and regulations and best practices.

Review the draft document on technologically neutral mutual recognition mechanism.

Review the draft Reference Map for Cross-border Paperless Trade Processes.

1000-1015 hours Break
1015-1130 hours Item 2 Discussion on the implementation of prioritised tasks of the Framework Agreement (Cont’d)
1130-1300 hours Lunch break
1300-1445 hours Item 2 Discussion on the implementation of prioritised tasks of the Framework Agreement (Cont’d)
1445-1500 hours Break
1500-1630 hours Item 2 Discussion on the implementation of prioritised tasks of the Framework Agreement (Cont’d)

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

1300-1430 hours Item 2 Discussion on the implementation of prioritised tasks of the Framework Agreement (Cont’d)
1430-1445 hours Break
1445-1545 hours Item 3 Discussion on the strategies and practical measures to accelerate the implementation of the Framework Agreement and strengthen partnerships
1545-1600 hours Item 4 Date and venue of the next regular session
1600-1630 hours Item 5 Other matters

Wednesday, 21 June 2023

1400-1600 hours Item 6 Adoption of meeting report including the key recommendations to be presented to the 2nd Paperless Trade Council

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