

# Breakout Group 3: Mutual Recognition in Cross-border Paperless Trade

## Summary

Chair:

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❖ The facilitator gave a background presentation on issues of mutual recognition, in the context of Indian experience

- 1) AUTHENTICATION : Reliable identification of sender/recipient of data
- 2) CONFIDENTIALITY : Protection of data from undesired disclosure
- 3) INTEGRITY : Prevention of undesired creation, modification or deletion of data
- 4) NON-REPUDIATION: Committed transactions cannot be denied

- ❖ Participants gave a brief overview of their current domestic situations
  - ❑ All the participating countries are in the process of transitioning towards more paperless trade/e-commerce environment, but level of electronic transactions did not reach significant stage to develop a mutual recognition scheme yet for some countries.
- ❖ Recommendations:
  - ❑ In order to venture on mutual recognition, participants felt that it would be appropriate to have paperless trade/e-commerce legislation in their individual jurisdictions to support mutual recognition
  - ❑ It would be helpful to have some guides and lessons learnt on this matter, so that member countries can benchmark at appropriate stage. (Refer to Article 14 of the draft text of regional arrangement)
  - ❑ Capacity building support to those countries in need should be arranged.

## **Participating countries**

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) India
- 3) Papua New Guinea
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Viet Nam

## **Other entities**

- 1) WCO