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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO), with the financial support of the Chinese Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF - China) is organizing a global pre-accreditation workshop for Technical Operational Advisors (TOAs) specialized in Customs Enforcement Network (CEN) applications (CEN, nCEN and CENcomm). It is scheduled to take place from **10 to 14 July 2023** at the WCO Regional Training Center (RTC) in Xiamen, China.

Having regard to recent developments relating to its Charter for data quantity and quality Enhancement in the CEN, the WCO has launched a CEN capacity building initiative with the aim of training RILOs and Members on the use of the latest developments on CEN applications CEN.

The objective of the workshop is to build up the pool of highly qualified experts capable of promoting the WCO's standards and tools relating to the CEN applications, organize and conduct capacity-building activities on behalf of the WCO and support the Secretariat and the Members in the use of CEN data for intelligence and risk management purposes.

It is important to highlight that this is not a traditional training workshop, but rather a pre-accreditation workshop to assess participants' existing knowledge in CEN applications and their skills as speakers and facilitators.

This Accreditation Workshop will be held **in English and French** and will provide an opportunity for your staff with very high-level experience to demonstrate their strategic skills and their knowledge of the WCO tools related to CEN applications as well as their ability to work as part of an international team. Candidates who successfully complete the pre-accreditation workshop and a subsequent in-country training mission will become accredited as WCO TOA specialized in CEN applications. More detailed information about the requested profile for candidates is attached at Annex I.

You are invited to nominate one or more officers with a high degree of competency in CEN applications' matters to attend the Pre-Accreditation Workshop, noting that the Workshop is limited to 12 persons. A separate nomination form is required for each participant. The nomination form for the Workshop is attached at Annex II.



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Nominations should be signed by the authorized personnel and sent by email in PDF format to the Secretariat no later than **31 March 2023**. Please note that no application after this date will be accepted. Following a pre-evaluation process, which may include on line interview, the WCO Secretariat will inform the pre-selected candidates by email.

All related costs (air ticket, accommodation, per diem) for one pre-selected candidate are to be borne by WCO via the generous sponsorship of Customs Cooperation Fund of China.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ousmane Coundoul, WCO Technical Officer and CEN Programme Manager (e-mail: ousmane.coundoul@wcoomd.org) and Mr. Giovanni Gaeta, WCO Technical Officer at Capacity Building Directorate (e-mail: giovanni.gaeta@wcoomd.org)

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kunio Mikuriya', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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WCO Secretary General