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Dear Director General,

The World Customs Organization (WCO) is pleased to publish the attached Call for Papers from Customs officials. I would like to encourage you to disseminate it widely within your Administration to ensure a broad diversity of research paper submissions.

We welcome any subject of research that is related to Customs policy and operations. This includes the core functions of Customs administrations, namely revenue collection, fraud detection, anti-smuggling, border security and trade facilitation, as well as emerging trends such as data analytics, disruptive technologies, the circular economy and fragile borders.

The selected applicants will be invited to attend a course (either online or in-person) given by the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada), with the support of the Korea Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF Korea), in order to write their research/policy paper under academic supervision. The papers will then be considered for publication in the *Borders in Globalization Review* journal.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Call for Papers, please contact the WCO Research and Policy Unit at picard2023.events@wcoomd.org.

I look forward to your contribution to this important WCO research activity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kunio Mikuriya', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kunio Mikuriya
WCO Secretary General