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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO), with the sponsorship of the Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) China, is organizing a Workshop for the Pre-Accreditation of Risk Management Technical and Operational Advisors (TOAs) for **English speakers**. It is scheduled to take place from **9 to 13 June 2025 in Shenzhen, China**. The Workshop will be conducted in **English**.

This is not a typical training workshop, but rather a pre-accreditation workshop to assess participants' existing knowledge of Risk Management and their skills as speakers and facilitators. The Workshop is designed to develop a pool of experts in the WCO Risk Management Compendium, the WCO Diagnostic Framework and the WCO Capacity Building Development Compendium to deliver capacity building to WCO Members.

The Workshop is an opportunity for staff with high-level expertise to demonstrate operational and organizational skills, and the ability to work as part of an international team. Successful candidates who complete the Workshop and a subsequent in-country mission could become accredited WCO Risk Management TOAs.

Based on the competencies indicated in the **Annex I**, "Profile of Ideal Candidates," you are invited to nominate one or more officers with a very high degree of competency in Risk Management matters, to attend the Pre-Accreditation Workshop. Note that the Workshop is limited to a maximum of 12 persons.

Candidates' costs are to be generously borne by the CCF China. A separate nomination form (**Annex II**) is required for each participant. An authorized official should sign and e-mail nominations in PDF format to the WCO Secretariat **no later than 20 April 2025**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. The WCO will notify Selectees **by 2 May 2025**.

Prior to your nominee's departure for the Workshop, participant(s) from your Administration might need to arrange for a visa for the stay in China. The responsibility for arranging the visa rests with the participant(s).

If you have any questions regarding this Workshop, please have your staff contact: Masanori Hiraki, Technical Officer (masanori.hiraki@wcoomd.org), and Giovanni GAETA, Technical Officer (giovanni.gaeta@wcoomd.org).

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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