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INTEROPERABILITY**

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SYMPOSIUM CONCLUSIONS

- A legal framework is required to support International Trade Single Window operation – stakeholders will actively support the UN/CEFACT Legal Group in the development of UN/CEFACT Recommendation 35 (Legal Framework for International Trade Single Window), in cooperation with UNCITRAL and other relevant organizations.
- There is a need for a Data Harmonization methodology at the national/regional/international level – stakeholders will actively support the UN/CEFACT International Trade Procedures Working Group (TBG15) in the development of UN/CEFACT Recommendation 34 (Recommendation and Guidelines on Single Window Data Harmonization).
- The WCO Data Model and UNeDocs, based on a common set of international standards including UNTDED, CCTS, and Revised Kyoto Convention, are key tools for Single Window interoperability and cross border data exchange. Both of these models will be further developed by their respective organisations.
- WCO and UN/CEFACT are committed to work towards the further integration and harmonization of these two models, to provide an integrated solution for Cross Border Data Exchange.
- The meeting supported the concept of developing a Cross Border Reference Data Model based on the WCO and UNeDocs Data Models.
- Detailed issues, including ownership and reuse of data structures and data elements, customization, and maintenance, will have to be addressed for the development of this Reference Data Model.

- The Symposium established a Stakeholder Group to assist Single Window operators in the simplification and harmonization of cross-border data exchange and the development of a Cross Border Reference Data Model to allow data interoperability for end-to-end trade transactions. The composition of the Group is as follows:
 - Chair: Mr. Mats Victor, Director, Swedish Customs Future Centre
 - Vice-chair: Mr. Bill Nolle, US Customs and Border Protection
 - Vice-chair: Mr. Gareth Lewis, World Customs Organization
 - Vice Chair: a representative of the Trade and Transport industry to be nominated
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 - Service Provider liaison: Ms. Eva Chan, Manager, Strategic Business Concepts, Dagang Net Technologies, Malaysia

- WCO and UN/CEFACT and other international organizations should work together to promote and build capacity in the use, implementation and customization of these data models.

- The Symposium endorses the Symposium Background Paper.

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