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On October 16, 2015, Ms. Maria Ceccarelli, the Secretariat of UN/CEFACT, visited the China National Institute of Standardization (CNIS) in Beijing. Mr. Yueming Qiu, the Vice President of CNIS, Ms. Limei Yu, the Deputy Director of the Department of Planning, Research & International Cooperation of CNIS, Mr. Lifeng Sun, the Director Assistant of the Sub-Institute of High and New Technology & Information of CNIS, and some research staffs participated into the meeting.

UN/CEFACT is a subsidiary, intergovernmental body under the United Nations for standardization. It is mandated to publish and implement recommendations on trade facilitation, electronic business standards, and other technical documents to improve the capacity of governance, business, and transport in both developed and developing countries, and to facilitate international trade. The recommendations, standards and other technical documents published by UN/CEFACT have significantly standardised international trade procedures, electronic business, and promote the international trade. The TC83 Secretariat of the Sub-Institute of High and New Technology & Information of CNIS is the counterpart of UN/CEFACT in China, and Mr. Yueming Qiu serves as the China Head of Delegation (HOD) in UN/CEFACT. Since 1990s, CNIS has followed UN/CEFACT on its standardization work, and in recent years CNIS also drafted some trade facilitation and electronic business standards within China under the UN/CEFACT principles.

Mr. Yueming Qiu warmly welcomed the visit of Ms. Maria Ceccarelli to CNIS, and briefly introduced CNIS's research work and outcomes in recent years. Mr. Qiu stated that he would continue to support the work of UN/CEFACT. Ms. Ceccarelli presented the recent developments of UN/CEFACT, and expressed the expectation to develop further comprehensive cooperation between CNIS and UN/CEFACT. Ms. Yinfen Zhang, the Associate Researcher of the Sub-Institute of High and New Technology & Information, presented the detailed work CNIS has conducted on international trade facilitation and electronic business. Both sides also had great discussions on topics including Single Window, UN/LOCODE. It was agreed by both sides that UN/CEFACT and CNIS should establish a long-term cooperation with a regular information sharing and communication mechanism, so that both sides can achieve a win-win outcome.