**Validation Seminar on the**

**Report on the Readiness of Kazakhstan to**

**Implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement”**

**Astana, Ministry of the Economy, 14-15 January 2016**

**(Programme)**

**14 January**

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| **10.00 - 10.15** | Opening of the Seminar and presentation of the objectives |
| **10.15 -11.15** | Presentation of the Report by the author Alexander Strokatov |
| **11.15 - 13.00** | Discussion of the readiness of Kazakhstan to implement the measures in the TFA related to: transparency (articles 1-5) and on fees and formalities (articles 6-10). Categorization of the measures as A, B and C. Needs for additional time and resources to implement measures B and C.  |
| ***12.45 - 14.30***  | *Lunch* |
| **14.30 – 16.30** | Discussion of the readiness of Kazakhstan to implement the measures in the TFA related to fees and formalities (continued). Categorization of the measures as A, B and C. |
| ***16.30 – 16.45*** | *Coffee break* |
| **16.45 – 18.00** | Discussion of the readiness of Kazakhstan to implement the measures in the TFA related to transit (article 11). Categorization of TF measures A, B, and C. |

**15 January**

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| **10.00 - 11.00** | Discussion of the readiness of Kazakhstan to implement the measures in the TFA related to Customs Cooperation (article 12). Role of the National Trade Facilitation Committees. Categorization of TF measures as A, B, and C. |
| ***11.00 -11.15*** | *Coffee break* |
| **11.15 - 13.00**  | Review of the readiness assessment report.  |