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- Summary of Position as of 30 June 2009
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**CONVENTIONS**

Name	Status	Contracting Parties
Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council	Signed in Brussels on 15 December 1950, entered into force on 4 November 1952	SG0171E1 [ar] **
Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System	Entered into force on 1 January 1988	NG0157E1a [ar]
Convention on Nomenclature for the classification of goods in Customs tariffs and Protocol of Amendment thereto	Entered into force on 11 September 1959	NG0156E1a
Customs Convention on ECS carnets for commercial samples	Entered into force on 3 October 1957	PG0134E1

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**Recommendations Related to Information Technologies (IT)**

- The use of the WCO Data Model, 27 June 2009
- The Recommendations on the Unique Consignment Reference (UCR) for Customs Purposes, 26 June 2004
- The use of the World Wide Web sites by Customs Administrations, 26 June 1999
- The use of the WCO Data Mapping Guide for Customs UN/EDIFACT, 21 June 1995
- Adherence to Standards in relation to Data Requirements for Advance Passenger Information (API), 6 July 1993 [AR\*]
- The use of the UN/EDIFACT Rules for Electronic Data Interchange, 26 June 1990
- The use of the UN Trade Data Elements Directory (UNTDDED), 26 June 1990
- The use of the CCC/IATA Data Interchange Standards, 21 June 1988
- The use of Codes for the Representation of Data Elements, 22 May 1984
- The Recommendations Concerning the Electronic Transmission and Authentication of Customs and Other Relevant Regulatory Information, 16 June 1981 - revised 24 June 2005

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- Fourth Global Congress on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy - **Dubai Declaration** (February 2008)
- Declaration of the Council concerning promotion of Conventions and other international instruments designed to harmonize and standardize Customs laws and regulations and technical co-operation - **Seoul Declaration** (May 1984)
- Declaration of the Customs Co-operation Council concerning its role in the field of Customs enforcement - **Brussels Declaration** (June 1986)
- Declaration of the Council for meeting the challenges of the year 2000 - **Ottawa Declaration** (June 1987)
- Declaration of the Customs Co-operation Council concerning harmonization/computerization of Customs procedures and a strategy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century - **Washington Declaration** (July 1989)
- Declaration of the Customs Co-operation Council on the further national development of Memoranda of Understanding between Customs and the trading community aimed at co-operation to prevent drug smuggling - **MOU Declaration** (July 1992)

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WCO Secretary General visits President of the African Development Bank in Tunisia

18/11/09

Meeting between the WCO Secretary General and the Swedish Minister of Trade

11/11/09

WCO Secretary General meets leading public and private sector officials in Washington DC

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WCO Secretary General meets top Inter-American Development Bank officials

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WCO Secretary General visits Armenia to discuss Customs reform

27/10/09

### WCO Secretary General visits President of the African Development Bank in Tunisia

17 November 2009

#### Report

WCO Secretary General, Kunio Mikuriya, visited President Donald Kaberuka of the African Development Bank (AfDB) at its headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia on 17 November 2009 to discuss the way forward to enhance cooperation between the two organizations in support of Customs reform in Africa.

President Kaberuka suggested that as the AfDB had started to increase its profile in trade facilitation he wished to work more closely with the WCO. He also referred to the need to fight against fake drugs in Africa. Mr. Mikuriya explained the WCO vision and capacity building programme including the Customs-business partnership, the revenue package, and the strengthened assistance for regional integration to secure and facilitate trade in Africa.

Both the Secretary General and the President found great potential for collaboration and agreed to develop a Memorandum of Understanding identifying areas of cooperation in support of economic development in Africa through Customs modernization.

The Secretary General's visit to the AfDB coincided with his participation at a meeting of the Global Facilitation Partnership that was being co-hosted in Tunis where he was invited to deliver a keynote address.

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