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WAY FORWARD CONCERNING “STEP 3” OF THE FOUR-STEP FRAMEWORK.

(Item IV on the Agenda)

I. Introduction

1. Based on the “four-step framework” and current work plan of the Revised Kyoto Convention Management Committee (RKC/MC), “Step 2” is set to be finalised at its 25th meeting after which “Step 3” will commence at the next meeting.
2. Considering that “Step 3” entails consideration of developed proposals/recommendations against the agreed criteria, only those proposals/recommendations with components under category 1 and category 7 will be considered for “Step 3”. At its 22nd Meeting, the RKC/MC agreed to a criteria to be used in “Step 3”.

II. The way forward

Category 1 and 7

3. Bearing in mind the RKC/MC decision to utilise only one meeting for “Step 3” and in order to ensure efficient use of the virtual meetings, it is necessary to agree on the format for “Step 3” in advance of the 26th RKC/MC Meeting.
4. To facilitate the discussion, a sample template, based on concept 33 (Relief Consignments), is set out as an Annex to this document.

Category 2

5. As agreed at the 24th RKC/MC, the proponents and the Secretariat will work intersessionally to develop content for the applicable RKC Guidelines.

Category 3 and 4

6. As agreed at the 24th RKC/MC Meeting, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the RKC/MC Chairperson, will compile all components under the two categories and

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submit them to the relevant WCO Working bodies for further management. As further agreed, sponsoring members are encouraged to pursue their proposals in the relevant WCO Working bodies.

Category 5

7. Since the 24th RKC/MC Meeting agreed to discontinue work on components under this category in the RKC Review process, no further action will be required.

Category 6

8. Considering that it is expected to finalise "Step 2" at the 25th meeting of the RKC/MC, it is envisaged that no components will be placed under this category, and thus no further action will be required for this category.

III. Action required

6. The RKC/MC is invited to:
 - o Adopt the template in the Annex as the format for conducting "Step 3"; and,
 - o Discuss and agree on the above way forward.

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DRAFT TEMPLATE FOR STEP 3

I. AGREED CRITERIA FOR STEP 3

1. *Criteria on global harmonization:*
 - Proposals should aim at achieving application of Customs procedures and practices in a predictable, consistent and transparent manner.
 - Proposals should aim at eliminating divergence between the Customs procedures and practices of Contracting Parties that can hamper international trade and other international exchanges.
2. *Criteria on global application:*
 - Proposals should aim at achieving implementation of relevant international standards.
 - Proposals should be of universal/global application, especially for the General Annex (GA)
3. *Criteria on Customs procedures in the 21st Century:*
 - Proposals should be an indicator of best practices for Customs procedures in the 21st Century.
 - Proposals should aim at simplifying and harmonizing Customs procedures and practices and fostering international co-operation.
 - Proposals should aim at ensuring continuous modernization of Customs procedures and practices and thus enhancing efficiency and effectiveness.
4. *Criteria on improving the RKC:*
 - Proposals must not duplicate any areas already covered by the RKC.
5. *Criteria on the need for legally binding standards:*
 - Proposals should aim at streamlining Members' procedures.
 - Proposals must take into account the need for legally binding standards in order to ensure further harmonization beyond the existing tools.
6. *Criteria on cooperation:*
 - Proposals should aim at enhancing global co-operation wherever appropriate with other national authorities, other Customs administrations and the trading community.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPED PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATIONS AGAINST THE AGREED CRITERIA.

Concept	Proposal	Component	Applicable Criteria
33. Relief Consignments	JNT No. 33 Relief consignments	COMPONENT 1: Clarifying the Scope of application	Criteria 1: Global harmonization aimed at eliminating divergences among CPs
		COMPONENT 2: Expanded list of legal facilities	Criteria 3: Indicator of best practices for Customs procedures in the 21 st Century Criteria 4: Improving the RKC with more legal facilities
		COMPONENT 3: New definition of relief consignments	Criteria 4: Improving the RKC with the new definition

