

Wise Persons Group on Challenges faced by Customs Minutes of the 7th meeting

Date: 10^h and 11th March 2022

Venue: Conference Centre Albert Borschette 36, rue Froissart, 1049 Brussels

Participants: 10 members of the Wise Persons Groups were present in person or via online connection on both days. Secretarial support to the Wise Persons Group was provided by DG TAXUD.

1. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the sixth meeting

The members approved the minutes of the sixth meeting and the agenda of the seventh meeting.

2. Preparation of the report

The Group discussed the preparation of the report and the recommendations. The group agreed the report subject to various amendments and gave the Chair discretion to settle minor drafting or linguistic issues.

3. Close and next steps

The final agreed document is to be circulated to members and will then be presented to Commissioner Gentiloni in March.

The Group warmly thanked the colleagues in the secretariat for their assistance, and noted with appreciation the contributions both in person and via website submissions of many interested parties, as well as the cooperation of national customs authorities. The group thanked Mr Thomas for his trust.

The members thanked the chair and vice-chair and noted that the chair will take steps to present the report in appropriate fora. Individual members will also take initiatives to introduce and explain the report in and around their home member states.