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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE NOMENCLATURE
AND CLASSIFICATION SUB-DIRECTORATE

(Item II.4 on Agenda)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretariat is continuing to provide technical assistance to developing countries in the form of seminars and expert missions in respect of the implementation and uniform application of the Harmonized System, establishment or improvement of Customs laboratories and improvement of tariff classification work.
2. A summary of the technical assistance programme of the Nomenclature and Classification Sub-Directorate for financial year 1998/99 is set out in the Annex to this document.
3. Once again, the Secretariat would like to thank the Japanese Administration for its continuous assistance and support for the WCO's technical assistance activities.
4. It should be noted that, due to the timing of the Scientific Sub-Committee, the Review Sub-Committee and the Harmonized System Committee sessions, almost all of the seminars and missions listed in the Annex have been scheduled for April 1999 and June 1999. The following information concerns the seminars and missions held by the time of the preparation of this document.

II. EXPERT MISSION

5. One Secretariat officer visited Ukraine, from 30 November to 2 December 1998, to discuss with the senior officers of the Central Customs Board of Ukraine the possible accession of this Ukraine to the Harmonized System Convention.
6. A number of practical issues related to the possible accession and to the maintenance of their national tariff were discussed with the heads of departments in charge of specific areas of the Ukraine Customs tariff. The mission revealed that Ukraine needed further technical assistance in respect of the HS and classification infrastructure.

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III. SEMINAR

7. On the basis of the above information and a subsequent request from the Central Customs Board of Ukraine, the Secretariat organised a training seminar on the HS in Kiev, Ukraine, from 29 March to 2 April 1999 (18 participants). The seminar also included discussions concerning other HS-related matters, particularly improvement of the classification infrastructure of Ukraine Customs.
8. The Secretariat is happy to inform the Committee that Ukraine is planning to accede to the Harmonized System Convention shortly.

IV. CONCLUSION

9. The Committee is requested to take note of the above information.

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ANNEX

1998/99 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

CCF (NOMENCLATURE)

DESCRIPTION	COUNTRY	DATE	REMARKS
HS Training + Infrastructure	Cotê d'Ivoire	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Croatia	04-99	Postponed
HS Training + Infrastructure	Senegal	04-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Lebanon	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Syria	04-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Haiti	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Bolivia	04-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Ecuador	04-99	Postponed
HS Training + Infrastructure	UA Emirates	04-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Ukraine	04-99	Completed

CCF DONORS (NOMENCLATURE)

DESCRIPTION	COUNTRY	DATE	REMARKS
HS Training + Infrastructure	Bangladesh	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Fiji	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Thailand	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Vietnam	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Maldives	04-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Pakistan	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure/ Customs Laboratory	Myanmar	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Madagascar	06-99	
HS Training + Infrastructure	Uzbekistan	04-99	
Regional HS Seminar	Philippines	06-99	
Regional HS Seminar	Chile	06-99	
Regional HS Seminar	Uganda	06-99	
HS and Infrastructure and Customs Laboratory	Zimbabwe	08-98	Completed (information provided at HSC/22)
Workshop on HS	Philippines	08-98	Completed (information provided at HSC/22)
Seminar on HS	Singapore	08-98	Completed (information provided at HSC/22)