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ESTABLISHMENT OF A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM
AND VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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Reference documents :

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NC0449E1 (HSC/28)

I. BACKGROUND

1. After the preparation of Doc. NC0449E1, the Secretariat received the following comments from the WTO.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE WTO

2. As already indicated in the HS Committee, the WTO would not oppose such a correlation and perhaps a paragraph or a general note could include a reference to the fact that WTO schedules of concessions on goods and some WTO agreements related to rules of origin, civil aircraft, information technology products and pharmaceuticals use the Harmonized System Nomenclature including its changes wherever and whenever possible, but since there is no obligation for WTO Members to use the Harmonized System, it would not be advisable to indicate “contact details” nor a “full up-to-date list of regulated products” concerning those instruments.

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III. CONCLUSION

3. The Committee is invited to take into account the above comments from the WTO when it examines this Agenda item.
