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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE NOMENCLATURE
AND CLASSIFICATION SUB-DIRECTORATE

(Item II.5 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Secretariat is continuing to provide technical assistance to developing countries in the form of seminars and expert missions with respect to the implementation and uniform application of the Harmonized System, establishment or improvement of Customs laboratories, improvement of tariff classification work infrastructure and, with special emphasis, explanation of the 2002 amendments to the Harmonized System.
2. The Secretariat, once again, would like to thank the Japanese Administration for its continuing assistance and support for the WCO's technical assistance activities.
3. However, due to the security situation after 11 September 2001, a significant delay has been occasioned in the execution of the WCO Training Annual Plan for the budget year 2001/2002. Consequently, a number of planned activities have been postponed or cancelled.
4. At the time of preparation of this document, the Nomenclature and Classification Sub-Directorate has therefore been able to undertake only one mission for financial year 2001/2002 since the Committee's 28th Session.

II. HS SEMINARS

CCF/Donors (Japan) Fund

5. The Secretariat organized a national multipurpose HS seminar in Djakarta, Indonesia, from 18 to 22 February 2002 for the benefit of Indonesian Customs officers. The seminar had 31 participants and focused on HS in general, General Interpretative Rules, the HS 2002 amendments and classification infrastructure.

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6. An indicative plan of training and technical assistance activities for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 is available on the WCO Members Web site. However, the Secretariat expects to complete, at a minimum, HS seminars in the following countries by the end of this WCO financial year :
- National seminars in Botswana (June), Chile (April), Eritrea (April/May), India (June) and Uruguay (June);
 - Regional seminars in Brazil (June), Jordan (April/May), Nicaragua (April) and Singapore (April).

III. CONCLUSION

7. The Committee is invited to take note of the above information.
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