



HARMONIZED SYSTEM  
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## CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Item II.5 on Agenda)

### I. BACKGROUND

1. The Secretariat continued its close co-operation with other international organizations with a view to achieving the wider and more uniform application of the Harmonized System. Important activities which occurred between the Committee's 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sessions are summarized below.

### II. AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

#### Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

2. Mr. T. NAGASE, Deputy Director of Tariff and Trade Affairs, attended the OECD meeting on International Trade and Statistics, held on 8 and 9 June in Paris. This was the first statistical meeting organized by the OECD over the last 20 years and it was agreed that such a meeting would be held every 18 months. Mr. Nagase made presentations on the WCO and the anticipated adoption of the 2002 HS amendments at the Council Sessions in June 1999.

#### United Nations (UN) Headquarters

3. The Secretariat informed the Secretary General of the UN of the adoption of the Council Recommendation of 25 June 1999 amending the HS Nomenclature.

#### International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

4. The third ICC/WCO pre-Harmonized System Committee meeting was held at the WCO on 10 September 1999. The meeting enabled the useful two-way flow of information between the private sector and the Secretariat, thus facilitating the preparation of documents by the Secretariat for Committees. Demonstrations of specific equipment were provided to the Secretariat's staff. Similar demonstrations of multifunctional units, closed circuit security systems and the "Media Composer 1000" will be made available to delegates on 12 October 1999.

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III. CONCLUSION

5. The Committee is invited to take note of these developments.

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