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REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION

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Subject:	Questionnaire on engagement by customs administrations with the EU policy cycle

Delegations will find attached the questionnaire on engagement by customs administrations with the EU policy cycle.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON ENGAGEMENT BY CUSTOMS ADMISTRATIONS WITH THE EU POLICY CYCLE

MEMBER STATE:	
NAME OF CUSTOMS AUTHORITY:	

A. GENERAL

1. Are the officers with responsibility for the following three functions part of your Customs authority or are they located/attached to a separate law enforcement authority or ministry?

(I) EUROPOL LIAISON

Officer is part of the Customs authority Officer is attached to a national office within the Customs Authority, with dedicated responsibility for Europol related matters Officer is seconded to the law enforcement authority with responsibility for Europol

Other

matters

If other or a combination of the above is applicable, please provide further information. (A separate document as an annex may be supplied if required)

(II) COSI

(A) DELEGATE(S) TO FULL PLENARY GROUP

Customs

Separate Body

(B) COSI SUPPORT GROUP

Customs

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Separate Body

(III) NATIONAL EMPACT COORDINATOR

Customs Separate Body

If separate bodies are involved, please specify the relevant organisation and their role within the law enforcement community. (A separate Annex may be supplied if required)



B. INPUT TO SOCTA

Please describe the process in your Member State for the process of formal engagement or "feeding into" the SOCTA process?

Formal written consultation	Yes	No	
Formal Meetings	Yes	No	
Informal contact by electronic or other means	Yes	No	
Other	Yes	No	

If Yes, please specify how the engagement process works, including review and feedback mechanisms. (A separate document as an annex may be supplied if required)

If No, are there any plans within your customs administration to formalise contact in the near future? How will the proposed process work? (A separate document as an annex may be supplied if required)

C. ENGAGEMENT WITH COSI

1. What is the nature of your Customs administration attendance at COSI?

	(COSI Support Group			COSI Plenary Group			
Always attend	Yes		No		Yes	No		
Occasional attendance	Yes		No		Yes	No		
Attendance as required	Yes		No		Yes	No		
Never invited to attend	Yes		No		Yes	No		
Other	Yes		No		Yes	No		

If other, please provide further information in respect of each configuration. (A separate document as an annex may be supplied if required)

2. In respect of preparation for meetings of COSI, is there a process in place to permit appropriate engagement by the Customs authorities?

(I) Method of Initial Communication

	COSI Support			COSI Plenary		
Distribution of full Agenda to Customs Authorities for comment	Yes	No		Yes	No	
COSI Delegate decides the appropriate Customs related aspects and requests views from the customs authorities	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Combination of above or other method of communication	Yes	No		Yes	No	
No communication	Yes	No		Yes	No	
(II) Method of Engagement		COSI Sup	port	CO	SI Ple	nary
Formal Meetings in advance of COSI meeting with full Customs engagement on all Agenda items	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Formal written consultation	Yes	No		Yes	No	

Informal contact by electronic Yes No Yes No or other means No engagement Yes No Yes No Other No Yes No Yes

If there are methods of communication and engagement in place, please specify how the process works for both configurations, including review and feedback mechanisms. (A separate document as an Annex may be supplied if required)

If No, are there any plans within your customs administration to formalise contact with both configurations in the near future? How will the proposed process work? Are there any barriers to engagement? (A separate document as an Annex may be supplied if required)

3. In respect of preparation for COSI meetings, is there an internal consultation process for both configurations within the various areas of the Customs administration?

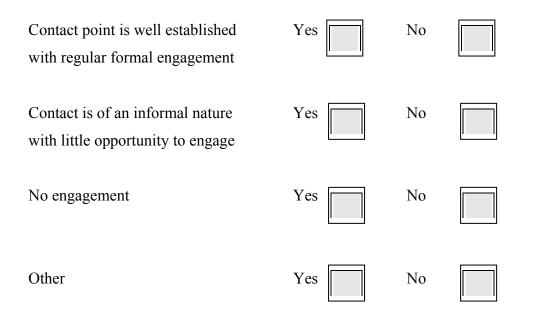
COSI Support	Yes		No	COSI Plenary	Yes		No	
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If Yes, please specify how the internal consultation process works for both configuations. (A separate document as an Annex may be supplied if required)



D. ENGAGEMENT WITH NATIONAL EMPACT COORDINATORS

1. Please describe the relationship between the National EMPACT Coordinator and the Customs administration.



Please elaborate if "Other" is involved. (A separate document as an Annex may be supplied if required)

2. If engagement is taking place, please elaborate on the format of this engagement. If no engagement is taking place, please specify the reasons for the lack of engagement. (A separate document as an Annex may be supplied if required).