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- Declaration by The Netherlands

Declaration by The Netherlands on the Council Conclusions on Enhanced Exchange of Customs Related Information with Third Countries (doc. 14220/6/16 REV 6)

The Council Conclusions on enhanced exchange of Customs related information touch upon the need for continuing to develop a country specific approach, the need for a transparent and sound legal base and the need to work on interoperability of IT systems.

The conclusions call upon the Commission to consider proposals for a policy framework and where necessary Union legislation for the exchange of information between Member States and third countries.

Taken this into account,

The Netherlands stresses that the following elements need to be taken into account when considering the follow-up of these conclusions:

- 1. IT-costs, planning and prioritization also in relation to other customs IT-projects;**
 - 2. Different modes of exchange of information in Member States' specific circumstances, in order to explore and facilitate further steps in achieving more pro-active and innovative concepts for systematic information exchange with third countries**
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