Presentation on the World Customs Organization
182* Members divided into 6 regions, responsible for processing 96% of international trade
(* plus the European Union which, since July 2007, has rights akin to those of a WCO Member for matters falling within its competences as an interim measure.)
WCO Mission

- To study all questions relating to co-operation in Customs matters
- To examine the technical aspects of Customs systems with a view to attaining the highest possible degree of harmony and uniformity
- To prepare Conventions and amendments to Conventions
- To make recommendations to ensure the uniform interpretation and application of the Conventions
- To furnish information or advice
- To help its Members to respond to modern challenges
- To co-operate with other inter-governmental organizations
International Cooperation

- Over 170 MOUs
- 2008 Cooperation Agreement with OIE
- 2015 Revised Cooperation Agreement with OIE
Common challenges at the border

- International Conventions
- Trade Agreements
- Export control regimes
- Agriculture
- Health
- Interior (internal affairs)
- Trade and commerce
- Police
- Finance/Treasury
- Immigration
- Veterinary and phytosanitary
- Transport
- Environment
- Consumer protection
- Culture and heritage
Border Agency Cooperation

- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- 136 ratifications
- Implementation rate LDCs today 0.5%
- Implementation rate DCs today 50.6%

Almost all LDCs and half of the DCs need more time/assistance to meet the TFA commitment on Border Agency Cooperation!
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