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WCO Security Programme Customs and Counterterrorism

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Strengthening Aviation Security through Improved Traveller Identification



Evolving Customs Role

Revenue Co

Protection of Economic Interests (domestic industry)

Protection of Society (health, safety, drug trafficking, firearms, environment, etc.)

Economic Development
(trade facilitation)

Security (terrorism,
supply chain)



UNSCR 2178 (2014)

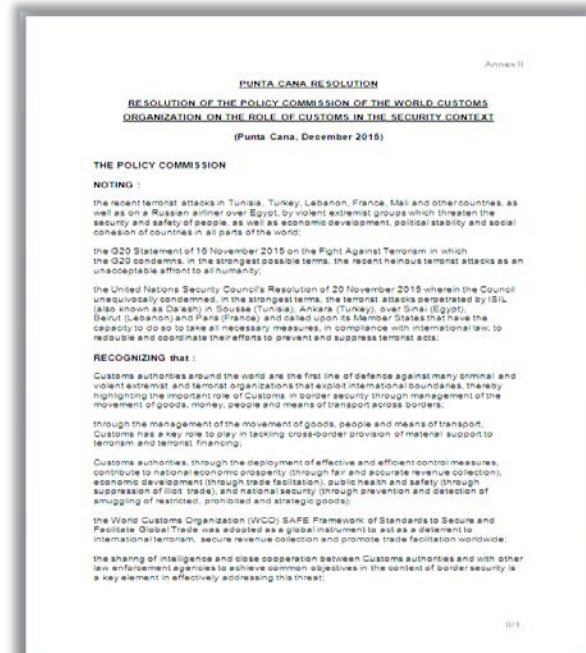
- UNSCR 2178 Reaffirms that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that any acts of
 - Paragraph 2
 - that all States shall prevent the movement of terrorists or terrorist groups by effective border controls and controls on issuance of identity papers and travel documents, and through measures for preventing counterfeiting
 - Paragraph 9
 - *Calls upon* Member States to require that airlines operating in their territories provide advance passenger information to the appropriate national authorities in order to detect the departure from their territories, or attempted entry into or transit through their territories, by means of civil aircraft, of individuals designated by the Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011)



Punta Cana Resolution (Dec 2015)

Security role of Customs:

- Include security in their mandates and strategic plans;
- Cooperation at national, regional and international level between Customs authorities and other law enforcement authorities;
- Use the full range of detection and investigative techniques.





WCO Security Programme

- Passenger controls/FTFs
(API and PNR)
- IEDs
(Global Shield)
- Strategic Trade
(STCE Programme)
- Small Arms and Light-
Weapons
- Terrorist financing





Key operational working streams



Enhancing communication and cooperation



Implementation guidance and training tools

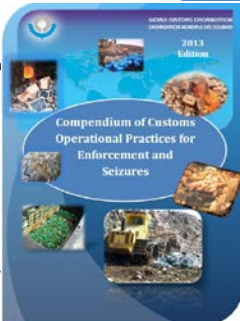
Enhancing capacity to manage border security related threats



Enhancing operational coordination and support



Customs Enforcement Guidelines
on Countering Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing



Law enforcement sensitive
February 2008



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WCO Security Programme activities

Operation Chimera

- Responded to the growing recognition of the critical role that Customs plays international security
- Four-week operation (19 September – 17 October),
- Involved 70 countries and Regional Intelligence and Liaison Offices
- Close cooperation with INTERPOL
- 229 seizures/detentions were reported



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WCO Security Programme activities

Operation Chimera

- 349 Warning messages
- 460 million USD in Cash and BNI seized/detained
- More than 300 Firearms seized



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WCO Security Programme activities

Identified need for improvement in:

- Institutional and front line capacity;
- Customs to Customs communication;
- Customs to Police Communication
- Information collection and intelligence sharing;
- Stakeholders cooperation.



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WCO Security Programme activities

Challenges identified:

- Airport transits
 - Lack of customs authority
 - Lack of data on passengers



WCO Security Programme activities

Security Programme operational activities allow to identify:

- capacity challenges and
- weak links in the international supply chain.

...thereby enabling the WCO to formulate an adequate response in support of its member administration efforts.



WCO Security Programme activities

Security Programme activities:

- Developpement of guidance on API/PNR
- Inter- and intra-agencies coordination and cooperation



WCO Security Programme activities

Security Programme activities:

- International and regional cooperation
- Private sector outreach
- Technical assistance



WCO's interest in API/PNR

- Customs prime responsibility is for controlling cross-border movement of goods, means of transport & increasingly in some instances passengers
- Customs plays an important role in deterring border security threats including terrorism (FTFs)



WCO's interest in API/PNR

- Facilitate legitimate travelers, control high-risk passengers
- Sought after partner because of the border related information flows it possesses enable the identification of the known & unknown



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