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The Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) presents its compliments to the Ministries, Secretariats and Departments of Foreign Affairs of the Member States, Associate Members and Founding Observers of the ACS, and has the honour to refer to the recently concluded I Meeting of the Working Group on Customs Facilitation, held on January 23, 2013, at the Headquarters of the ACS Secretariat, Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

In this regard, the Secretariat on behalf of the Directorate of Trade Development and External Economic Relations has the honour to forward the enclosed for your consideration:

- 1. Executive Summary of the I Meeting of the Working Group on Customs Facilitation:
 - a. Panama Canal Expansion Programme Progress (by the Panama Canal Authority) Info.001.
 - b. Trade Facilitation Imperatives in the Post Panama Canal Expansion Environment Info.002. (by the Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers' Association, TTMA).
 - c. List of Participants.
- 2. Country Questionnaire Results of the I Meeting of the Working Group on Customs Facilitations, in its final version WP.003.

The Secretariat kindly requests that liaison officials forward a copy of this communication to the Ministries, Secretariats, Departments of Foreign Trade, Economic Affairs, Industry and Development, and Trade Promotion Organizations of ACS Member States and Associate Members.

The Trade Directorate takes this opportunity to thank all participants for their attendance, participation and presentations, which have contributed to the overall success of the **I Meeting of the Working Group on Customs Facilitation**. We look forward to your continued cooperation and collaboration in the projects and activities of the Trade Directorate.

The Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) takes this opportunity to reiterate to the Ministries, Secretariats and Departments of Foreign Affairs of the Member States, Associate Members and Founding Observers of the ACS the assurances of its highest consideration.



Port of Spain, February 1, 2013