



Analysis of Section II of the WTO TFA

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Objectives



- Determine implications on Members
- Determine implications on WCO

General principles



- Assistance and support for capacity building may take the form of technical, financial, or any other mutually agreed form of assistance provided

Art. 21 – Provision of Assistance for Capacity Building

- Donor Members agree to facilitate the provision of assistance and support for CB to developing and LDC Members on mutually agreed terms and either bilaterally or through international organizations

Art. 21 – Provision of Assistance for Capacity Building

- Members shall endeavor to apply the following principles in providing assistance:
 - overall development framework and ongoing reform and assistance programs,
 - include activities to address regional and sub-regional challenges and promote regional/sub-regional integration,
 - involve private sector,
 - promote coordination between and among Members and other relevant institutions including RECs to ensure maximum effectiveness of the results from this assistance,
 - encourage use of existing in-country and regional coordination structures to coordinate and monitor implementation activities.
 - encourage developing country Members to provide CB to other developing and LDC Members.

Art. 22 - Information on Assistance to be submitted to the Committee

- According to paragraph 5, *“the Committee shall invite relevant international and regional organizations (such as IMF, OECD, UNCTAD, **WCO**, UN Regional Commissions, the World Bank or their subsidiary bodies and regional development banks) and other agencies of cooperation to provide information referred to in paragraphs 10.1, 10.2 and 10.4.”*

Art. 22 – Information on Assistance to be submitted to the Committee

- The WCO may be invited to provide to the TF Committee, at entry into force of the Agreement and annually thereafter, the following information on its assistance and support for capacity building that was disbursed in the preceding twelve months and, where available, that is committed in the next twelve months:
 - A description of the assistance and support for capacity building
 - The status and amount committed/disbursed
 - Procedures for disbursement of the assistance and support
 - The beneficiary country, or where necessary, the region
 - The implementing agency in the Member providing assistance and support.
- Furthermore and according to paragraph 2, the WCO would be expected to submit to the Committee the contact point for the TA/CB, including possibly a contact point in the country/region of the beneficiary. It would also be necessary to provide information on the process and mechanisms for requesting assistance and support.
- All this information can be submitted through internet references, and should be regularly updated. The WTO Secretariat would make all this information publicly available.

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