ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)

II MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CUSTOMS FACILITATION

ACS Secretariat, Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago,
5th September, 2013

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

9:00 - 9:30am  Accreditation of Delegates

9:30 - 10:00am  I.  Opening Ceremony

- Welcome remarks - President of the Special Committee of Trade Development and External Economic Relations, Representative of Colombia
- Welcome remarks - His Excellency Ambassador Alfonso Múnera Cavadía, ACS Secretary General
- Welcome remarks - Director of Trade Development and External Economic Relations, Mr. Alberto DuránEspaillat

10:00-10:10am  II.  Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Matters

10:10-11:00am  III.  Report on Conclusions of I Working Group and Work Undertaken

- Mr. Alberto Durán Espaillat, Director of Trade Development and External Economic Relations
- Discussion

11:00-11:15am  BREAK

11:15-11:45am  IV.  Presentation by Ms. Margarita Libby, International Consultant on Trade Facilitation

- Synopsis of the Trade Facilitation process on a global scale
11:45am-12:30pm  V. Presentation by United Nations Conference for Trade and Development - UNCTAD (to be confirmed)

- Discussion on the actual Trade Facilitation state on a regional scale

12:30-2:00pm  LUNCH (A light lunch will be provided)

2:00-3:30pm  VI. Presentation by World Customs Organization (To be Confirmed)

- Customs Facilitation and Procedures - The Benefits of Trade Facilitation
- Overview Authorized Economic Operators- Development and Implementation of an AEO Programme

3:30-3:45pm  BREAK

3:45-4:30pm  VII. Working Group Session: Review of the Memorandum of Understanding

- Presentation of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Director of Trade, Mr. Alberto Durán Espaillat
- Discussion and Responses from Member States on Draft MOU

4:30-5:00pm  VIII. Next Steps

- Summary and Conclusions
- Discussion of the date for next Working Group Meeting