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- Report from the informal working group

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1. This third action plan of the Customs Cooperation Working Group's informal working group on counter-terrorism (the Counter-Terrorism Project Group – CTPG) is presented as agreed at the meeting of the CCWG held on 26 July 2006.

## Working Plan for the Counter Terrorism Project Group

### Introduction

The Counter Terrorism Project Group (CTPG) was created in May 2004 as an informal subgroup to the Customs Cooperation Working Group (CCWG) to action the proposals being made in the EU and WCO to combat Terrorism.

### Associated Documents

- 7218/04 ENFOCUSTOM 16
- 10238/2 /04 ENFOCUSTOM 39 ENFOPOL 70 COTER 57 UD 125 REV 2
- 13793/04 ENFOCUSTOM 70 ENFOPOL 143 COTER 66 UD 150
- 10586/04 JAI 237 ECOFIN 225 TRANS 242 RELEX 291 ECO 123 PESC 536 COTER 44 COSDP 383 PROCIV 93 ENER 178 ATO 61 (EU Plan of Action on Combating Terrorism)
- 16054/04 JAI 559 (The Hague Programme)

### Aim

Its aim is to identify and promote ways to enable Customs administrations to make a positive contribution to the fight against terrorism in response to and support of The Hague Programme and the EU Plan of Action on Combating Terrorism.

### Objective

The key objectives of the group are to address the proposals in the Hague Programme (16054/04 JAI 559) and the EU Action Plan on Combating Terrorism (10586/04 JAI 237) and fulfil the objectives of the CCWG Strategy and Action Plan by:

1. Increasing the level of terrorism awareness within Customs administrations;
2. Identifying ways Customs administrations can enhance their capabilities to combat terrorism (EU Plan of Action and Hague Programme);
3. Carrying out operations to test Customs ability to respond to the terrorist threat (Hague Programme)
4. Enhancing inter-agency working (Hague Programme), and

5. Raising the Political awareness of the role of Customs and the contribution they can make to the fight against terrorism.

### **Action Plan**

The following action plan details how the CTPG will take these objectives forward.

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