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Towards Interconnectivity and Interoperability of Paperless Trade Systems

Summary of Discussions and Recommendations (Southeast and East Asia Group)



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Topics of discussions:

1. Technical matters of the Single Window towards interconnectivity and interoperability of Paperless Trading System

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- 2. Development of the legal framework and challenges for interconnectivity and interoperability of Paperless Trading System.
- 3. Practical experiences of implementation of the ASW and ASEAN Connectivity.

Conclusions

- 1. Political commitment of government should be supported by ownership of the community of users
- 2. Political commitment should be translated in specific actions with a clear timeline, including adequate human resources, budget and better coordination among governmental agencies and with the trading community

- 3. Functional requirements of the community of users on technical and legal matters determine those of the Single Window (SW) environment.
- 4. Development of an enabling legal framework is essential to SW transactions, starting with addressing interoperability and interconnectivity issues.

- 5. Proper planning and decentralization of implementation are key milestones for a successful implementation of the SW.
- 6. Human resource development and capacity building are determinant to successful implementation of the SW or any Paperless Trading System.
- 7. There is a clear need of addressing the divergence of economic interests of participating countries in the Single Window platform.

Recommendations

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political determination into concrete action termined deliverables. Human resources ate budgetary allocations are essential.



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