Recommendation of the Policy Commission to the Customs Co-Operation Council on agenda item VI ("Combatting of counterfeit and pirated goods")

Proposal submitted by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador and Uruguay

Considering that the SECURE Working Group has not yet approved its Terms of Reference and that, as agreed on its third meeting, they shall be discussed at the beginning stage of the fourth meeting (October, 30-31 2008),

Considering that the SECURE Working Group has not reached an agreement on the proposed draft SECURE Standards document and on a recommendation for action by the Policy Commission or the Council, recognizing that more work is needed,

Considering that developing countries are still assessing the proposed draft SECURE Standards and that it was recognized that further discussion is still needed on this document,

Recommends that the WCO Council

Takes note of the progress reached so far in the discussions within the framework of the SECURE Working Group and

Requests the Working Group to submit to the Council a proposal for the Terms of Reference and, once agreement has been reached therein, to pursue the discussion of the SECURE Standards with a view to finalizing the document.