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Work Plan of the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN)

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: China



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Background

APMEN was an innovative pathfinder initiative launched by APEC in 2014, as a pragmatic response to address pressing issues relating to trade and supply chain, and as a strategic enabler to catalyze a “quantum leap” advancement of APEC’s agendas relate to trade facilitation, regional economic integration and supply chain connectivity.

At the November 2014 APEC Economic Leaders Meeting, APEC Leaders agreed to establish the Asia-Pacific Model E-port Network (APMEN), welcome the first batch of APEC Model E-ports nominated by the APEC economies. Endorsed the Terms of Reference of the APMEN and agree to set up the APMEN operational center in the Shanghai Model E-Port, and instruct officials to make further efforts to contribute to regional trade facilitation and supply chain connectivity. ToR of APMEN specifically stipulates that “to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness, a Joint Operator Group will be establishedAPMEN will meet one or two times per year, possibly in the margins of a CTI meeting.....The CTI will review the operation of the APMEN at CTI 3 in 2018, determine whether to continue the APMEN, and make any necessary adjustments to its terms of reference and operations.”

As such, APMEN Joint Operator Group (AJOG) as an Ad Hoc working group under CTI for 4 years is proposed to be established with a view for advancing APEC’s work on APMEN and implementing instructions from APEC Leaders in a more systematic and comprehensive manner.

Objectives and Tasks in 2015

- Demonstrate concrete efforts to set up and operate the APMEN Operation Center in the Shanghai Model E-port by developing work plans.
- Promote collaboration amongst the first batch of APEC Model E-ports, and improve the understanding and the capacity of APEC economies to cooperate on APMEN related activities.

Timeline for activities/deliverables

CTI1 2015

- Seek CTI's endorsement of the official establishment of AJOG by CTI 1 with China to act as the chair of the Ad Hoc working group.
- Seek CTI's endorsement of the Work Plan by CTI 1.
- Develop and submit a Draft Strategic Framework for APMEN and a Draft Articles of Working Mechanism of APMEN to CTI 1 as information for feedbacks from APMEN member economies.
- Invite APEC economies who have already nominated first-batch model E-Ports to nominate representatives to the AJOG

Before CTI2/SOM2/MRT 2015

- Report the preparatory progress of APMEN Operation Center of to CTI.
- Invite other APEC economies to nominate its major cargo hubs to join APMEN as first batch Model E-Port
- Invite all APEC economies as well as other CTI sub-groups and ABAC to nominate experts from both public and private sectors to participate in the AJOG activities.
- Hold the first AJOG meeting at the margins of CTI2 and report progress to CTI 2.
- AJOG to revise and finalize Strategic Framework for APMEN and Articles of Working Mechanism of APMEN based on stakeholder feedbacks, and to submit to CTI for consideration and endorsement from CTI 2, SOM 2 and MRT.
- Apply for APEC Fund for APMEN Public –Private Dialogue and Capacity Building programs and submit it to CTI2.

Before CTI3/SOM3 2015

- Inaugurate APMEN and its operation center, as well as to officially launch the APMEN website
- Schedule a high-level public-private dialogue to be held in the Shanghai, which shall include:
 - 1) The dialogue focus on issues related to APMEN with participation of representatives from all relevant stakeholders (*including regulatory stakeholders from CTI and APEC Fora,*

multilateral institutions, international organizations, NGOs, industry associations, multinational enterprises and SMEs);

2) a public ceremonial kickoff event to officially introduce APMEN to general public and to announce the inauguration of APMEN Operation Center at Shanghai.

- Hold the second AJOG meeting in the margin of CTI3.
- Submit the report of the second AJOG on APMEN to CTI3.

By CSOM/AMM/AELM 2015

- Report APMEN's progress in 2015 to Ministers and Leaders.