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Annex 4 - 2014 Work Plan on CTI Priority: Supply- Chain Connectivity

Purpose: Consideration
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CTI PRIORITY: SUPPLY-CHAIN CONNECTIVITY

Rationale

In 2013, Leaders committed, among others, to (a) accelerating work to achieve a 10% improvement in supply-chain performance by 2015 in terms of time, cost, and uncertainty, while taking into consideration individual economy's circumstances, including by advancing the systematic approach to improving supply chain performance; (b) developing a capacity-building plan to assist economies, particularly developing economies, in overcoming specific obstacles they face in enhancing supply chain performance; and (c) establishing the APEC Trade and Investment Liberalisation Sub-Fund on Supply Chain Connectivity and encouraging contributions of necessary resources to execute the capacity-building plan. <"AELM Declaration", 2013>

In 2013, Ministers instructed officials to complete diagnostic reports for all eight Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP) Chokepoints; draft a comprehensive capacity building plan; and begin targeted, focused capacity building activities in economies in 2014. Ministers recognised the contribution that global data standards can make to enhancing supply chain efficiency, and encouraged officials to explore what more can be done to facilitate mutual compatibility amongst data standards frameworks, and the compatibility of economies' frameworks with the use of global data standards. <"AMM Joint Ministerial Statement", 2013>

Objectives in 2014 and 2015

- Accelerate efforts to achieve a 10% improvement in supply-chain performance including by advancing the systematic approach
- Develop and implement a comprehensive capacity-building plan to assist economies in overcoming impediments to supply chain performance
- Demonstrate progress of achieving an APEC-wide target of a 10% improvement in supply-chain performance by 2015 through a robust and credible mechanism

Timeline for activities/deliverables

2014 CTI 1

- Focus group leads to report the implementation progress of their respective action plans and the adoption of a more systematic approach
- Member economies to consider the 2014 workplan including the timeline for completion of diagnostic reports, and endorsing and commencing the capacity building plan
- Member economies to discuss project proposals emanating from the capacity building plan
- Member economies to consider PSU's timeline for further assessment for the SCFAP in 2014
- Member economies to discuss and endorse new proposals to advance the SCFAP
- Member economies to consider other possible ways to fulfill instructions from Leaders and Ministers in 2013

By SOM2/MRT 2014

- PSU to report progress on further assessment for the SCFAP to facilitate identification and formulation of follow up actions where necessary
- Focus group leads to complete the diagnostic reports
- Member economies to draw up the comprehensive capacity building plan as a living document and to start the capacity building activities
- Member economies to discuss project proposals emanating from the capacity building plan
- Member economies to consider how to involve the private sector and multilateral institutions in our capacity building work to improve supply chain performance, for endorsement by MRT the

launch of the APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2).

- Member economies to provide input intersessionally by 15 March 2014 for a Statement on Supply Chain Connectivity to be drawn up for endorsement and announcement by MRT.

By SOM3 2014

- Member economies to report progress made in achieving the APEC-wide target of a 10% improvement in supply-chain performance
- PSU to complete the further assessment for the SCFAP, identify and formulate follow up actions where necessary
- Member economies to discuss project proposals emanating from the capacity building plan

September 2014

- Stock take the implementation of the SCFAP to prepare for submission of report to Ministers

By AMM 2014

- Report to Ministers on the implementation of the SCFAP

2016

- Final assessment of SCFAP