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FIRST MEETING FOR 2016: LIMA, PERU
28 - 29 February 2016**

CHAIR'S SUMMARY RECORD OF DISCUSSION

1. The First Meeting of the Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) for 2016 was held in Lima, Peru on 28-29 February 2016. Ms. Marie Sherylyn Deleña Aquia of the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines chaired the meeting. All 21 APEC member economies were represented. The APEC Secretariat and representatives of ABAC were also present.

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS AND BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

2. The CTI Chair welcomed all delegates to the Committee's first meeting for the year. On behalf of the Committee, she thanked Peru for the hosting of the meeting, the excellent hospitality, facilities and arrangements in Lima. She outlined the business arrangements for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. The Committee adopted the draft annotated agenda (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/001) with some adjustments to the order of the discussion.

MATTERS ARISING FROM RECORD OF THE LAST MEETING

4. The Committee approved the Chair's Summary Record of Discussion of the CTI Meeting held in Cebu, the Philippines on 31 August-1 September 2015 (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/002).

APEC PRIORITIES AND CTI WORK PROGRAM FOR 2016

5. Peru SOM briefed the CTI on the four key priorities for APEC 2016 under the overarching theme of *"Quality Growth and Human Development"*, i.e., i. Advancing REI and Quality Growth; ii. Enhancing the Regional Food Market; iii. Towards the Modernization of MSMEs in the Asia-Pacific; and iv. Developing Human Capital (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/003).
6. The Chair thanked Peru for outlining Peru's host year priorities, noting that 2016 is a very important year in which a number of works should be implemented, including the finalization of the Collective Strategic Study for the realization of the FTAAP as instructed by the Leaders, Second-term review of the Bogor Goals, setting new targets for supply chain improvement and others. She stated that CTI would actively contribute to shaping and advancing these priorities.

SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM

7. CTI discussed the progress of economies in notifying acceptance to the WTO on Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) (see 2016/SOM1/024anxg). CTI encouraged the remaining APEC members to submit their instruments of acceptance to the WTO of the TFA by Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) in May 2016 to contribute to the expeditious entry into force of the Agreement. CTI will provide inputs on an updated progress table to reflect the different Category A, B, and C commitments by 31 March.

8. CTI discussed a proposal by Peru and co-sponsored by New Zealand on fisheries subsidies (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/005rev1) and agreed that economies would provide comments on the draft by 31 March. CTI discussed a proposal by the United States and co-sponsored by New Zealand on improving transparency and information sharing on fisheries assistance programs (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/006) and agreed that economies would provide comments to the United States by 31 March.
9. CTI discussed a proposal by Papua New Guinea in progressing the WTO export subsidy commitment (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/007) and agreed that members would provide comments or inputs to Papua New Guinea by 31 March.
10. There was support for a statement on the WTO at the MRT meeting and CTI agreed to work closely with colleagues at the APEC Geneva Caucus on the details of the statement. CTI discussed a non-paper by Singapore and Canada on the multilateral trading system on potential issues for discussion (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/057) and agreed that economies would provide comments to Singapore and Canada by 31 March.

ADVANCING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

Achieving the Bogor Goals

11. CTI welcomed the updates from PSU on the preparations for the Second-Term Review in 2016 of economies' progress towards the Bogor Goals (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/008). CTI encouraged economies that have not submitted their Individual Action Plans to do so as soon as possible. CTI noted plans by Peru to hold a SOM Dialogue on the Bogor Goals at the margins of SOM3.
12. CTI welcomed the updates from New Zealand on preparations underway for the self-funded workshop on reviewing import license regimes with a view to increasing transparency, predictability, and looked forward to its outcomes (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/014).
13. CTI discussed the proposal by the Philippines for the next steps and recommendations on the APEC Trade Repository (APECTR) (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/010) and adopted the report on its utilization (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/011). CTI agreed that economies would provide comments on the proposal to the Philippines by 31 March.
14. CTI discussed the SOM-level proposal by Russia on Improving the Competitive Environment in Government Procurement (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/012) and agreed that members would provide comments to Russia by 31 March.
15. CTI discussed a non-paper by Indonesia on practical initiatives to carry out the 2013 mandate of exploring trade in products to advance rural development and poverty alleviation (see 016/SOM1/CTI/013). CTI agreed that economies would provide comments to Indonesia on the paper by 31 March. CTI noted Indonesia's intention to provide more details on the elements of the proposal by CTI2.
16. The Market Access Group (MAG) Convenor reported on the outcomes of the MAG meeting held on 24 February in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/055), including discussions on encouraging APEC economies' participation to ITA2, treatment of WebTR in light of the newly established APEC Trade Repository, updates on the pathfinder initiative on remanufactured goods, updates on "Increasing Transparency of Measures Affecting

Exports” where US would table a proposal by SOM3. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.

Exploring the FTAAP

17. CTI, through its FoTC on Strengthening REI and Advancing the FTAAP co-led by China and the United States, discussed the progress of the Collective Strategic Study on Issues related to the Realization of the FTAAP. To achieve the objectives set out in the 2015 Terms of Reference (TOR), CTI adopted the Next Steps for the Task Force on the Collective Strategic Study (see 2016/SOM1/024anxa). CTI agreed to be actively engaged and to keep within the timelines agreed in the Next Steps in order to submit by SOM2 a final draft of Chapters 1 to 8, a progress report on preliminary recommendations and a first draft of Chapter 9 for Senior Officials' and Trade Ministers' further guidance.
18. CTI welcomed the report by Korea on progress in implementing the Action Plan framework for the 2nd Regional Economic Integration (REI) Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI) 2015-2017 (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/015), including the outcomes of the following completed workshops and seminars: Korea on Outcomes Workshop on Rules of Origin and Trade Facilitation (November 2015) (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/016); Viet Nam on the Workshop on Technical Barriers to Trade (January 2016); and updates by Peru on the workshop on Existing IIAs in the APEC Region: Relevance, Emerging trends, Challenges and Policy options to address coherence in treaty making (February 2016). As set out in the report, CTI noted forthcoming workshops on negotiations of services chapters under FTAs with a negative list approach (led by Peru to be held at SOM3). CTI discussed and agreed to Korea's concept note on Scheduling of Market Access Commitments in Services Trade and Investment (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/017).
19. On the APEC RTAs/FTAs Information Sharing Mechanism, CTI discussed and agreed on a concept note by Peru for a SOM Dialogue on RTAs/FTAs (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/019). CTI also welcomed a proposal by Australia for a CTI Trade Policy Dialogue (TPD) on WTO-plus aspects of recently concluded RTAs/FTAs (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/018). CTI agreed to provide comments and inputs to Australia on the CTI TPD by 31 March.
20. CTI welcomed the update from PSU on the progress of the annual report on trends and developments in FTA/RTA provisions and outcomes concluded by economies in 2015 (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/020), and looked forward to the final report at CTI3.

Global Value Chain Cooperation and fostering SMEs participation in regional and global markets

21. CTI, through China as lead of the FoTC on Global Value Chains (GVCs), welcomed the progress in implementing the work streams of the APEC Strategic Blueprint for Promoting Global Value Chains Development and Cooperation, in relation to work stream 1 (Addressing trade and investment issues that impact GVC, led by the US); work stream 3 (realize the critical role of trade in services within GVCs, led by Australia); work stream 4 (Enable developing economies to better participate in GVCs, led by Indonesia and China); work stream 5 (Assist SMEs to benefit from GVCs, led by Korea); work stream 6 (Improve the investment climate for GVCs development, led by Japan) ; work stream 7 (Adopt effective trade facilitation measures, led by Singapore); work stream 8 (Enhance resiliency of GVCs, led by Japan) ; and work stream 10 (Strengthen collaboration with other stakeholders on GVCs, led by China). For work

stream 9, lead economies committed to encourage and integrate public-private partnerships and dialogues in their work plan activities.

22. In relation to work stream 2 on the TiVA measurement, CTI welcomed the summary report from the TiVA Working Group co-chairs and the working plans of TiVA participating economies. CTI agreed in principle on the outcome documents in relation to the Code of Conduct for the Working Website of APEC Technical Group of Measurement on TiVA under GVCs (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/064arev1) and the Suggested Classification of Data Measurement of APEC TiVA (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/064b), and agreed that economies should provide comments to China by 5 March. CTI also took note of US intention to submit a concept note for capacity building workshop on TiVA intersessionally.
23. In relation to work stream 4, CTI received an update from China and Indonesia on plans to progress the work on enabling developing economies to better participate in GVCs. CTI Chair encouraged economies to complete the survey circulated by China and Indonesia and agreed that economies will provide responses to China and Indonesia by 8 March. CTI noted the intention of China and Indonesia to develop a draft report regarding enabling developing economies to better participate in GVCs with policy implications.
24. In relation to work stream 5 (Assist SMEs to benefit from GVCs), CTI welcomed the update from Korea, as project coordinator, of the initiative on promoting SMEs' Integration into GVCs in Major Industries. CTI welcomed the updates by sector leads on promoting the participation of SMEs in the automotive sector (Malaysia, Philippines) (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/026) and agreed that economies could provide inputs to the work plan on automotive sector to Malaysia and the Philippines by 31 March. CTI also discussed a concept note by Malaysia and the Philippines to integrate SME suppliers into the automotive GVC (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/025), and agreed that members should provide comments to Malaysia and the Philippines by 4 March. CTI welcomed updates on agribusiness (food) sector (Thailand) and textiles sector (Viet Nam). CTI looked forward to the outcomes of the workshops by Viet Nam and Thailand on textile and agribusiness, respectively, to be held between CTI1 and CTI3. CTI also discussed and agreed to a concept note by Korea for Promoting SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains-Phase 2 (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/021).
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25. CTI discussed the proposal by Korea and Peru to lead a new sector on SMEs in GVC services (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/022) and agreed that economies would provide comments by 31 March.
26. In relation to work stream 6, CTI discussed Japan's proposed Scope of the Study on the Improving the Investment Climate for GVCs Development (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/023) and agreed that economies will provide comments to Japan by 31 March.
27. In relation to work stream 8 (Enhance resiliency of GVCs), CTI welcomed updates from Japan on the preparations underway for the capacity building seminar to be held on 14-16 March in Tokyo (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/024rev1) and looked forward to the outcomes of the seminar.
28. CTI noted the progress of the study by Japan on Enhancement on Integration of Regional Value Chains in Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

MSMEs Internationalization

29. CTI received updates from Korea and the PSU on the progress of the study to promote e-commerce to globalize MSMEs. CTI took note of the progress of the SMEWG project led by Korea on the Development and Application of the APEC Model Indices for Internationalization of SMEs (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/028).
30. CTI discussed the SOM-level proposal by the Philippines on the reporting mechanism for the implementation of the Boracay Action Agenda (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/027) and agreed to provide comments to the Philippines ahead of the SOM1 meeting. CTI noted the initiatives underway at CTI and the different sub-fora to implement the Boracay Action Agenda to Globalize MSMEs and the APEC Implementation Plan.
31. CTI discussed the joint proposal by Japan and Viet Nam on the APEC Supporting Industry Initiative (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/029) and agreed that economies would provide comments to both economies by 31 March.
32. CTI received an update from Canada on the work to establish a dedicated APEC MSME sub-fund and its overall governance arrangements (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/030).

Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues

33. CTI, through its FoTC lead (United States) on Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues, discussed the progress of work on next generation trade and investment issues (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/031). In relation to the Work Plan for Advancing Digital Trade as a Potential Next Generation Trade and Investment Issue, CTI welcomed the outcomes of the Trade Policy Dialogue on Digital Trade held on 26 February (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/060). CTI took note of the intention of the US to conduct further dialogues in 2016 on digital trade and to draft the terms of reference for the PSU study for CTI's endorsement intersessionally.
34. CTI noted Japan's update on the way forward to implement the Key Action Agenda on the Manufacturing Related Services Action Plan.

Environmental Goods and Services/Green Growth

35. CTI welcomed the progress (see 2016/SOM1/024anxh) and received updates from economies in implementing the 2012 Leaders' commitment to lower tariffs to 5% or less on 54 environmental goods. CTI Chair encouraged the remaining economies to work intensively to fully implement the Leaders' commitment. CTI agreed that economies should provide more details in the progress table on the implementation work to the APEC Secretariat by 31 March.
36. CTI noted the progress on the implementation of Phase 1 of the Environmental Services Action Plan (ESAP) and welcomed the update by the PSU on the progress of the stock-take survey on regulatory measures in environmental services.

Services

37. CTI took note of a SOM-level proposal by the Philippines on the Services Roadmap (2016/SOM1/CTI/034) and agreed that economies would provide comments to the Philippines ahead of the FotC on Connectivity. CTI discussed a proposal by the United States on CTI's contribution to the Services Competitiveness Roadmap

(2016/SOM1/CTI/035) and agreed to provide comments to the United States by 31 March.

38. CTI discussed a proposal by Korea on measuring the regulatory environment related to the services trade of APEC (2016/SOM1/CTI/033) and agreed that members would provide comments to Korea by 31 March.
39. The Group on Services (GOS) reported on the outcomes of the GOS meeting held on 25 February in Lima (2016/SOM1/CTI/062). GOS touched upon issues including the implementation of phase IV of the STAR Data Base while there are concerns about the sustainability of the database due to the termination of financial support by Australia where suggestions for solution is needed, technical upgrading and further construction of the APEC Knowledge Center, a suite of services related projects and works including cross-border educational services, professional services, preparation for the 4 case studies related to the implementation of the Services Work stream of the GVCs Blueprint. GOS also reported on the issue of the next GOS chairmanship including the consideration on the selection process. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.

Investment

40. The Investment Experts` Group (IEG) Co-Convenors reported on the outcomes of the IEG meeting held on 25-26 February in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/049), including the nomination of "Implementing Economies" before IEG2 to be held during SOM3 in order to move forward the Investment Facilitation Action Plan (IFAP), proposal to hold an Investment Screening Workshop in the margins of SOM3, presentations made by 3 guests (OECD, UNCTAD and Columbia) on investment policies. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.

Economic and Technical Cooperation

41. CTI welcomed the update from the APEC Secretariat and China on the three sub-funds under the APEC Support Fund to support capacity building in relation to FTAAP and GVCs; innovative development, economic reform and growth; and connectivity (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/046).

STRENGTHENING COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

42. CTI, through Singapore and the United States, the FoTC leads on Trade Facilitation (TF FOTC), adopted a work plan for 2016 (see 2016/SOM1/024anxb) on the understanding that it is a living document and that economies could provide inputs and further comments to the TF FOTC co-chairs leads by 31 March.
43. CTI welcomed the progress report from the PSU on the final assessment in 2016 of economies' progress towards the APEC-wide target of a 10 per cent improvement in supply chain performance in terms of reduction of time, cost and uncertainty under the APEC Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP) (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/036). To contribute to PSU's final assessment, economies agreed to complete the self-assessment survey by 18 March and submit these to the PSU.
44. CTI received an update from the United States on progress in implementing the Capacity Building Plan to Improve Supply Chain Performance (pre-arrival processing, advance rulings, expedited shipments, release of goods and electronic payments). CTI noted that a number of projects under the supply chain capacity building plan will be commencing shortly. CTI agreed that economies that wish to volunteer for participation

in the projects should express their interest to the US as soon as possible.

45. CTI received a report from the United States on the Fourth APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) meeting (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/053), and noted plans to convene the 5th A2C2 at SOM3. CTI also noted the intention of the United States to table a paper at CTI2 on A2C2's inputs for the next phase of supply chain connectivity work beyond 2016.
46. CTI welcomed updates from Hong Kong, China and New Zealand on the progress of actions to promote a wider use of interoperable Global Data Standards (GDS) and took note of the progress of the PSU study on the assessment of GDS costs and benefits based on the pilot projects (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/037).
47. CTI received a report on the progress of implementing the Work Plan of the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN) (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/039). CTI discussed the concept note on the Second Public-Private Dialogues on Advancing Trade Facilitation & Supply Chain Connectivity through APMEN (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/038) and agreed that economies would provide comments to China by 4 March.
48. CTI welcomed the report of the progress in implementing the 2015 Work Plan on APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain (GSCNET). CTI noted the call from China for economies to nominate pilot centers to join the network and the proposal for the nomination of the Expert Group of the GSCNET (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/050), and agreed that economies would provide their replies directly to China by 24 March.
49. CTI received updates from Japan on the Study on Infrastructure Investment in the APEC Region and noted the announcement that the Philippines will participate in the Peer Review as reviewed economy and Japan as a facilitating economy along with the PSU as ad hoc review team secretariat under the Reference Guide. CTI noted that the implementation outline for the Peer Review will be submitted intersessionally.
50. CTI discussed a proposal by Peru to promote Single Window System's International Interoperability (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/040) and agreed that economies would provide comments to Peru by 31 March.
51. CTI welcomed the update from Peru on the progress of the survey and workshop on "Best practices on Critical Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region for the Implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement" (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/041) and agreed that comments would be provided to Peru by 31 March. CTI noted Peru's intention to circulate an agenda of the workshop by CTI2.
52. The Business Mobility Group (BMG) reported on the outcomes of the BMG meeting held on 23 February 2016 in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/056), including key actions agreed such as modernizing the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) Scheme to the fullest extent possible by pursuing an APEC-wide online lodgement system, finalization of the survey on economies' pre-clearance policies and regulatory settings, and exploring future strategic direction for the Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS) including the investigating the use of RMAS to carry validation requests for biometric data and also to carry validation requests against INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents database. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.
53. The Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) Convenor reported on the outcomes of the SCCP meeting held on 24-26 February 2016 in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/063), including discussion on the PSU study on Authorized Economic

Operators in APEC with possible endorsement of the study by SOM2, discussion on the draft revised SCCP Collective Action Plan seeking further review and comments by economies by 15 April, and discussions on the Movement of Humanitarian Goods for further intersessional review. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.

EXPANDING REGULATORY COOPERATION AND ADVANCING REGULATORY CONVERGENCE

54. CTI received updates by the United States on the progress of implementing the 2014 APEC Actions to Promote Widespread Usage of Electric Vehicles and Roadmap for Electric Vehicles.
55. CTI took note of the preparations underway by Peru for a self-funded project on Sharing Good Practices and Experiences on Advertising Self-Regulation among APEC Economies to be held at CTI3 (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/042).
56. CTI discussed and agreed on sustainable materials management as the topic for the 2016 ARCAM Dialogue. CTI agreed that economies would provide comments to the United States on the concept note for the ARCAM Dialogue by 4 March (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/043).
57. The Chair of the Economic Committee (EC) briefed CTI on EC's work priorities for 2016 (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/065), which concretizes, as instructed by the Ministers, the outcomes of the Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting held in September 2015 in Cebu including the Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR) for 2016-2020. The EC Chair highlighted that linkage between structural reform and services is an important priority for 2016, based on which APEC Economic Policy Report (AEPR) for 2016 would focus on case studies on this issue with close collaboration with GOS to be discussed at EC2 and finalized by CSOM/AMM to provide findings beneficial for economies in promoting structural reform. He also highlighted the importance of good regulatory practices, and as instructed by the Ministers, to hold the 9th GRP Conference to be held in mid-August with feedbacks to SCSC.
58. The Convenor of Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC) reported on the outcomes of the SCSC meeting held on 21-22 February 2016 in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/048), including work plans for 2016, endorsement of SCSC Terms of Reference (TOR), updates and further works to promote GRP, updates on the works regarding Model Wine Certificate and further works to seek its endorsement at SCSC and CTI by SOM2. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.

PROMOTING INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC REFORM AND GROWTH; CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER CROSS-CUTTING INITIATIVES

59. The Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group (IPEG) Convenor reported on the outcomes of the IPEG meeting held on 25-26 February 2016 in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/059), including a suite of IPEG projects being implemented or proposed by member economies to support MSMEs through better utilization of intellectual property. The IPEG Convenor also reported that he encouraged the economies to engage in proactive dialogue to reach an agreement on the Best Practices in Trade Secrets Protection and Enforcement, following the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 2015 APEC Ministerial Meeting on the importance of working and discussion on trade secrets protection. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.
60. The Electronic Commerce Steering Group (ECSG) reported on the outcomes of the

ECSG meeting held on 27 February 2016 in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/61), including the works to finalize the revision of the CBPR framework towards submitting “APEC Privacy Framework 2015” at SOM3 for endorsement, endorsement at ECSG1 of the “Proposed Changes to the CBPR System governance documents” (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/61atta, attb) to support the functioning of the CBPR and APEC Privacy Recognition for Processors (PRP) systems, promoting greater use of IT and automated systems to increase the efficiency of complying with the RTA/FTA-related requirements, including encouraging economies to participate in the Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CO) Pathfinder project. ECSG also reported on its consideration of a series of new initiatives to enhance ECSG’s contribution to the Digital Economy Agenda such as proposed partnership with LSIF to develop a framework for developing Use-Based Models in healthcare research, proposed establishment of a Big Data Innovation Working Group to discuss big data innovation in APEC, proposed partnership with TEL to update the APEC Digital Prosperity Checklist, proposed partnership with EPWG on issues related to natural disasters, information flows and privacy. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report and the “Proposed Changes to the CBPR System governance documents” referred to in the above.

INDUSTRY DIALOGUES

61. The Acting Convenor of Chemical Dialogue (CD) provided updates on the activities of CD which was held on 22-23 February in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/052). This included: endorsement of the “Best Practice Principles Checklist” to promote further implementation of the CD’s Best Practice Principles (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/052att), endorsement of recommended changes for the upgrading of G.R.E.A.T website which serves as information sharing tool for GHS across the APEC region; starting works to extend CD Strategic Framework for 2017-19 to seek endorsement in 2016; CD’s intention to provide inputs to the new supply chain performance targets succeeding SCFAP; and continued collaboration with the Economic Committee on Good Regulatory Practices; cross-fora collaboration with the Oceans and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) through the CD’s Virtual Working Group on Marine Debris. In addition, CD is to submit a revised and streamlined annual report on the GHS implementation status in APEC member economies to the MRT. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report and the above-mentioned “Best Practice Principles Checklist”.
62. The Convenor of Life Science Industry Forum (LSIF) provided updates on the activities of LSIF which was held on 26 February 2016 in Lima (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/054). The update referred to a wide range of activities including the progress made to establish an APEC Regulatory Sciences Center of Excellence (CoEs) as a new and sustainable model for advancing regulatory convergence on a global scale; progress towards launching an APEC Mental Health Digital Hub, cross-fora collaboration with ECSG and HWG on the utilization of Big Data Analytics for medical Research, implementation of the APEC Blood Supply Chain 2020 Roadmap; implementation of project on Global Data Standards (GDS) for product verification of Pharmaceutical Products in supply chains. CTI welcomed and endorsed the report.

PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

63. There was no discussion under this item.

OTHER ISSUES

Streamlining CTI and CTI Sub-fora Meetings

64. The Secretariat briefed on the result of the implementation at CTI1 of the elements included in the "Motion for Paperless CTI" (see 2015/SOM3/CTI/012.1) which was agreed by CTI members at CTI3, 2015.

APEC Economic Trends Analysis Report

65. The PSU briefed on "APEC Economic Trends and Outlook: Growth Moderates As Uncertainties Persist" (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/045).

Budgetary/Administrative Matters

66. The APEC Secretariat updated on project management issues including the outcome of APEC-funded projects for BMC Session 2, 2015 and briefed on the application flows and procedures for BMC Session 1, 2016, including procedures to apply for the newly established FTAAP and GVCs sub-fund (see 2016/SOM1/CTI/046).

Outreach

67. There was no discussion under this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

68. There was no discussion under this item.

MEETING DOCUMENTS

69. The Secretariat asked CTI members to review the latest version of the Document Classification List (see 2016 SOM1/CTI/000), and to send to the Secretariat any corrections to the List including the public access/restrictions and other information for each documents.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

70. The CTI Chair concluded the meeting by thanking CTI members for their efforts and engagement in constructive discussions during the meeting with a number of new proposals submitted. The CTI Chair asked CTI members to continue to engage and work intensively during the intersessional period, bearing in mind that SOM2 and MRT Meeting would be held two (2) months ahead, which necessitates substantial progress by then.