

**VIET NAM AND UNITED STATES COOPERATION ON TRADE FACILITATION: CONTRIBUTION BY VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES**

- We appreciate Viet Nam's presentation today on the exciting work taking place under the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation program, and we look forward to providing more details on that program later in the agenda.
- The United States and Viet Nam have enjoyed a long and very successful partnership and cooperation on trade related reforms and in particular strengthening and modernizing Vietnam's Customs administration.
- We were pleased to host a delegation from Vietnam Customs in Washington DC last month for further consultations on our joint efforts.
- Our bilateral technical assistance relationship continues to grow, and we are very pleased with the success of our current program, Governance for Inclusive Growth, which has several TFA related elements currently underway.
- We are also working to finalize a new program which will work closely with the General Department of Viet Nam Customs on a range of activities to further strengthen that agency in cooperation with the private sector.
- We look forward to continuing to share progress and updates with the Committee in the future.