China’s Intervention on Experience Sharing

China supports and hopes that the Committee will continue to organize experience sharing meeting and similar activities. In order to achieve better results, it is recommended to improve the overall design of the experience sharing activities and make the activities more targeted.

First, at the top design level, focusing on the introduction of members’ experience in strategic planning for the implementation of the Agreement and its overall advancement, such as the operational mechanism of the National Trade Facilitation Commission, coordination between border agencies in the member and between members in the implementation of the Agreement;

Second, at the implementation level, it is important to exchange members' general implementation of the Agreement on Trade facilitation such as provisions which are difficult to implement for members, including the challenges faced by members and the specific approaches to address these challenges.

Thirdly, at the level of diagnosis and evaluation, we should pay attention to sharing members' assessment of the effectiveness of the implementation of the agreement, the measures to diagnose existing problems and shortcomings.

China has an open and flexible attitude towards any initiative that would contribute to the effective and targeted sharing of experience to facilitate better implementation of the agreement and is willing to work together with all members to carry out useful trials.

As regards the US proposal, China proposes that relevant attempts can be conducted first, and then members can jointly improve the existing agenda according to the implementation results.

China supports the Switzerland proposal that the Secretariat lists all the measures and areas that have been shared by experience so that members can keep a comprehensive understanding of the discussions that have been carried out. China recommends that the WTO trade facilitation website be fully utilized, an separate experience sharing column is opened in the website, and the Secretariat updates the experience sharing of members in a timely manner so that members can get the required information conveniently and timely.