

WCO statement to the UN Open Briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

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components. To address these issues the WCO Council has recently endorsed a Fragile Borders Action Plan, the key recommendations including:

- Global advocacy and communication

- Research on the role of Customs in Fragile and Conflict-affected situations

- Institutional arrangements and inter-visibility and participation in national security policies

- Security of personnel and infrastructure

- Mobilization of Customs data and intelligence to acquire great analytical capacity

Whilst existing approaches have been successful in addressing terrorism threats via formal travel modes in more developed countries, transport hubs, and carriers, the WCO feels there needs to be more emphasis on supporting Member States in addressing some of the challenges and capacity gaps associated with fragile border areas and conflict affected situations, in addition to the actions highlighted in the existing resolutions.