

**Resolution of the
Regional Conference of Customs Directors General**

Punta Del Este, Uruguay
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“Uruguay Resolution”

THE DIRECTORS GENERAL of the Americas and Caribbean Region,

DESIRING to promote cooperative initiatives which are expected to enhance the collective prosperity and security of their nations and citizens, while strengthening partnerships between their Customs administrations;

REAFFIRMING their collective desire to build extensive economic linkages among their countries and their shared belief in inclusive growth and broad-based opportunity; and,

RECONFIRMING their intent to abide by the principles and standards articulated by the World Customs Organization's (WCO) Framework of Standards to Facilitate and Secure Global Trade (SAFE Framework),

Resolve that:

- I. THE DIRECTORS GENERAL of the Americas Region intend to:
 1. DEVELOP a regional strategy in collaboration with the private sector for the implementation of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) programmes based upon the WCO SAFE Framework;
 2. COMMENCE WORK within 90 days of the date of this Resolution, on a Regional AEO Strategy workshop by subject matter experts from Customs administrations and the private sector; and
 3. DEVELOP AEO programmes aligned on common principles and standards to pave the way to achieving mutual recognition among as many programmes within the Americas as feasible.

- II. THE DIRECTORS GENERAL of the Americas Region that have AEO programs endeavor to:
 1. SUPPORT the development of a Regional AEO Strategy by providing expertise to the workshop;
 2. ASSIST those Customs administrations that desire to develop or enhance their own AEO programmes through bilateral and multilateral means; and,
 3. CREATE a strong network of mutually recognized AEO programmes in the region to achieve prosperity and opportunity, citizen security and renew partnerships.