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Att. Mr. Umberto de Pretto,
Secretary General,
International Road Transport Union (IRU)

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Dear Secretary General,

I refer to your letter of 26 March 2020 and thank you for your valuable proposals regarding possible measures to be implemented in a coordinated manner by Customs authorities worldwide.

As you might be aware, over the past weeks, the World Customs Organization (WCO) has launched various initiatives to ensure that the latest and most reliable information and tailored guidance reaches its Members and global supply chain stakeholders. The relevant information can be found at the dedicated COVID-19 section of the WCO website.

The Secretariat is currently compiling additional information on Members' practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and will soon provide further guidance to WCO Members on measures to: i) facilitate the cross-border movement of relief goods; ii) support the economy and sustain supply chain continuity; iii) protect Customs officers; and, iv) protect society. Your suggestions will be taken into due account when drafting future communications and guidance to WCO Members and stakeholders.

The International Road Transport Union is a valued member of the WCO Private Sector Consultative Group, which I count on for coordination, advice and input to initiatives aimed at keeping trade flows open and minimizing the overall impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on economies and societies.

I thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kunio Mikuriya'.

Kunio Mikuriya
WCO Secretary General