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CONCLUSIONS

New data elements

- ➔ Mode of Transport
- ➔ Country of Consignment
- ➔ Custom Procedure Codes – national choice
- ➔ Imports FOB ➔ Difficult



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Institutional arrangements

- ➔ Need for regular consultation among Customs administration, NSO and Central Bank
- ➔ Need for agreements signed by the heads of the offices
- ➔ Coordinated release of total trade figures (IMTS trade and BOP trade in goods)



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Data processing

- ➔ Ensure quality checks and reporting
- ➔ Ensure appropriate IT infrastructure and support
- ➔ Cooperation with international organizations on improvements of the data processing system (ITC, UNSD, ASEAN)



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Specific measurement issues

- ➔ Measurement of E-commerce should be point of attention in international context:
 - WCO working group (China Customs)
 - UNESCAP (Working Group on Economic statistics)
 - Task Force on International Trade Statistics



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- ➔ Customs warehousing
 - Draft a proposal for amendment to the Concepts and Definitions (UNSD and China Customs)



POINTS FOR ACTION

➔ Imports FOB

- More compilation guidance needed to calculate or estimate Imports FOB at various levels of aggregation

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