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**Agenda item 23: Conclusions and Points for Action**
CONCLUSIONS

New data elements

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

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)
CONCLUSIONS

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)
CONCLUSIONS

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
CONCLUSIONS

Specific measurement issues

- 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

Customs warehousing

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