**Egypt’s Statement: notifications by members**

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**Thank you Mr.Chairman,**

**Good Morning Colleagues**

Egypt has ratified the TFA on the 24th of June 2019, prior to that we presented on the 18th of June the notification circulated in document **G/TFA/N/EGY/1** that includes additional Category **A** commitments as well as categories **B & C** commitments in line with Articles 15 & 16 of the TFA and we provided the definitive dates for Category **B & C** provisions. **We also** presented on the 10th of October **a notification that includes the information under Article 10.6.2. of the TFA** Related to the Customs brokers system. It is now circulated in document **G/TFA/N/EGY/2**.

**Mr. Chair,**

Allow me to take this opportunity to shed some light on Egypt’s actions to promote trade facilitation including inter alia,

1. The establishment of Egypt National Trade Facilitation Committee **(NTFC)** that was formed by Ministerial Decree No. 183/2011. All the competent authorities both from the public and the private sectors are participating in the work of this Committee. Previously, the NTFC played an important role during the TFA negotiations phase. After MC9, the work of the Committee has been focused on TFA implementation issues including the identification of the assistance and capacity building needed to fulfill our commitments.
2. The introduction of a set of rules that will reduce the number of documents required to carry out import or export transactions.
3. Efforts are underway to implement **a national single window** that will facilitate electronic communication among all control authorities concerned with the cross border trade, as well as effective cooperation between the Customs Authority and the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) to exchange the data associated with the fulfillment of the requirements of the control inspection.
4. Also, we are now focusing on Redrafting and updating our customs law in order to have a new law that is consistent with the TFA Provisions and with the rapid changes in international trade.

finally, Egypt asserts on its full commitment to the implementation of its obligations under the TFA agreement, including those of category C, and we would like to seize this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the donor countries as well as the WTO and other international organizations for their cooperation and support, and we aspire for further cooperation so as to fully enable us to meet our obligations.

**Thank You Chair,**