How does the WCO help its Members to overcome corruption?
Corruption – Misuse of public power for private benefit

- Current economic climate
- Negative consequences
- Recognition of the problem
Lack of integrity in Customs

- Distorts trade
- Hinders the smooth flow of goods
- Jeopardizes national security
Integrity tools developed by the WCO

- Revised Arusha Declaration
- Integrity Development Guide
- Integrity Best Practices
- Model Code of Conduct
- Resolutions (Maputo, Almaty, Nairobi)
- Capacity Building Diagnostic Framework
Integrity tools developed by the WCO

- SAFE Framework of Standards
- Integrity Sub-Committee (ISC)
- Informal Integrity Discussion Group
- WCO Integrity workshops
- E-learning Module on Integrity
REVISED ARUSHA DECLARATION

(1) Leadership and Commitment
(2) Regulatory Framework
(3) Transparency
(4) Automation
(5) Reform and Modernization
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(7) Code of Conduct
(8) Human Resources Development
(9) Morale and Organizational Culture
(10) Relationship with the Private Sector
TRANSPARENCY

(...)

Customs laws, regulations, procedures and administrative guidelines **should be made public**, be easily accessible and applied in a uniform and consistent manner.

- Publish legal texts
- Inform public of changes in regulations/procedures
- Advance rulings
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CODE OF CONDUCT

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Penalties for non-compliance should be articulated in the code, calibrated to correspond to the seriousness of the violation and supported by appropriate administrative and legislative provisions.

- Display Codes of Conduct
- Inform Customs officers of their responsibilities, obligations and sanctions
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HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

(...) The implementation of sound management resource management policies and procedures plays a major role in the fight against corruption in Customs.

- Appointment and rotation principle
- Recruitment methods
- Ongoing training
- Other border measures
COMMUNICATION – A KEY PRINCIPLE

- Keep employees updated
- Inform private sector
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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