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**PRESS RELEASE**

**BHUTAN ACCEDES TO REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION AND HARMONIZED SYSTEM CONVENTION**

Bhutan's instruments of accession to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Revised Kyoto Convention) was on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 deposited at the World Customs Organisation (WCO) headquarters in Brussels, Belgium by the Bhutanese Ambassador Mr. SonamTshong. He thanked the WCO for its generous support to the development of the customs sector in Bhutan and said that the Royal Government valued its cooperative relation with the WCO. Mr. Kuniomikuriya Secretary General expressing his appreciation said that deposition of the Instrument was a clear affirmation of the commitment of Bhutan to the international customs regime.

Having entered into force on 3 February 2006, the Revised Kyoto Convention now has 96 Contracting Parties, and is regarded as a blueprint for effective and modern Customs procedures. As per the WCO, the Convention's key elements include the application of simplified customs procedures in a predictable and transparent environment, the optimal use of information technology, the utilization of risk management, a strong partnership with the trade and other stakeholders, and a readily accessible system of appeals.

The revised Convention was ratified by the National Assembly during the summer session this year. The Revised Kyoto Convention will enter into force for Bhutan on 16 December 2014.

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