RECOGNIZING the need for international cooperation in matters related to the application and enforcement of their customs laws,

CONVINCED that action against breaches of customs legislation can be made more effective by close cooperation between their customs administrations,

HAVING REGARD TO the relevant instruments of the Customs Cooperation Council, in particular the Recommendation on mutual administrative assistance of 5 December 1953.

HAVING REGARD ALSO TO international conventions containing prohibitions, restrictions and special measures of control in respect of specific goods,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS: