

ANNEX X

**Assistance in action
against the smuggling of narcotic drugs
and psychotropic substances**

1. The provisions of this Annex shall not preclude the application of measures in force at the national level in the matter of co-ordination of the activities of the various authorities competent to take action against the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. They shall also not impede, but complement, the implementation of the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, and of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances by Parties to these Conventions which have also accepted this Annex.

2. The provisions of this Annex concerning the smuggling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances shall wherever appropriate and to the extent of the competence of the Customs administrations, apply also to the financial operations undertaken in connexion with such smuggling.

**Exchange of information by Customs administrations
on their own initiative**

3. The Customs administrations of Contracting Parties shall, on their own initiative and without delay, communicate to other Customs administrations which may be directly concerned, any available information concerning :

- (a) operations which are known or suspected to constitute, or which seem likely to give rise to, smuggling of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances;
- (b) persons known to be engaged in or, insofar as information concerning such persons can be communicated under national law, persons suspected of engaging in operations referred to in paragraph (a) above, and vehicles, ships, aircraft and other means of transport used, or suspected of being used, for such operations;