

ANNEX VII

**Presence of Customs officials
of one Contracting Party
in the territory of another Contracting Party**

1. At the written request of the Customs administration of a Contracting Party investigating a specific Customs offence, the Customs administration of another Contracting Party shall, where deemed appropriate, authorize officials specially designated by the requesting Contracting Party to consult, in its offices, the relevant books, registers and other documents or data media held in those offices, take copies thereof, or extract any information or particulars relating to the offence.

2. In the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 above, all possible assistance and co-operation shall be afforded to the officials of the requesting Contracting Party to facilitate their investigation.

3. At the written request of the Customs administration of a Contracting Party, the Customs administration of another Contracting Party shall, where deemed appropriate, authorize officials of the requesting administration to be present in the territory of the requested Contracting Party in connexion with enquiries into or the official reporting of a Customs offence of concern to the requesting Contracting Party.