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### **COMMENTS FROM THE DELEGATION OF ITALY ON THE PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF UN/CEFACT AND THE CREATION OF THE FORUM**

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I would like to express the concern of the delegation of Italy on the proposed restructuring of UN/CEFACT and the creation of the FORUM.

Italy is opposed to that proposal for several reasons, i.e. overlapping of functions and substantial weakness of the second pillar of UN/CEFACT: the operative trade facilitation needs coming from the field. Everything cannot be reduced to solely a technical level, and we have to bear in mind that we are a United Nations body and not a private consortium.

Italy fully subscribes to and supports the report on the subject that will be submitted by the International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG).

Finally, Italy stresses and supports the necessity for the Repository Data Base on which the whole structure of Trade Facilitation is built, for messages to remain the exclusive property of the United Nations and to remain public.

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