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Dear Director General,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Customs Organization (WCO) is organizing **an online pre-Accreditation Workshop for Technical and Operational Experts (TOA) on Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes**. The Workshop is intended for French-speaking participants. It will be held virtually and is tentatively scheduled from **16 to 20 May 2022**.

The objective of this Workshop is to enlarge the pool of highly competent experts capable of organizing and delivering WCO AEO capacity building activities on behalf of the WCO, based on relevant WCO instruments and tools.

This online pre-Accreditation Workshop will be held in **French** and will provide an opportunity for your staff with extensive experience in the area of AEO Implementation and Validation and adequate Customs procedures to demonstrate their strategic and operational skills, as well as their ability to work as part of an international team. Candidates who successfully complete the Workshop and a subsequent in-country or online mission may become accredited as a WCO TOA on AEO. More detailed information about the ideal candidate profile is attached at Annex I.

You are invited to nominate one officer, based on the competences indicated in Annex I to attend the pre-Accreditation Workshop, noting that the event is limited to a total of 12 participants. The nomination form for the Workshop is attached as Annex II.

Nominations should be signed by an authorized official and sent by email to the Secretariat **no later than 31 March 2022**. Please note that applications will not be accepted after this date. Following an analysis of the applications received, the WCO Secretariat will inform the selected candidates and provide them with the relevant read ahead material and specific details of the online Workshop. Please also note that the selected candidates need to ensure that they have a reliable internet connection. Details of the online platform to be used for this Workshop will be provided at a later stage.

Should you wish to have any further information on the Workshop, please have your staff contact the following coordinators:

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I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kunio Mikuriya".

**Kunio Mikuriya**  
WCO Secretary General