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Dear Director General,

The World Customs Organization (WCO) is pleased to announce that the 17th Annual WCO PICARD Conference will take place from 8 to 9 December 2022.

The attached Call for Papers has been issued by the WCO. I would like to encourage you to disseminate it widely within your Administration, as well as among academics and researchers in your country, to ensure a broad diversity of research paper submissions.

The Conference welcomes any subject of research that is related to the policy, operation and administration of Customs authorities. This includes core missions of Customs such as revenue collection, fraud detection, anti-smuggling, security of borders and trade facilitation, and emerging trends such as data analytics, disruptive technologies, the circular economy and fragile borders.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Call for Papers, please contact the WCO Research and Policy Unit at picard2022@wcoomd.org.

Details of the Conference will be made available in due course on the WCO website at <http://www.wcoomd.org/en/events.aspx>.

I look forward to your contribution to this important WCO event.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kunio Mikuriya
WCO Secretary General