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Issues discussed

- The EU delegation highlighted the growing importance of **supply chain security** in the global context and the need for international coordination of measures to strengthen it. It explained that it would be implementing pre-arrival and departure requirements from July 2009, presented the EU-China SSTL pilot project and reported on its AEO programme.

- Hong Kong informed the meeting that it was developing a system for mandatory submission of electronic advance cargo information by 2010.

- The EU delegation also highlighted concerns over the US initiative for **100% scanning of maritime cargo containers**. The World Customs Organisation was noted to have adopted a joint resolution against the 100% scanning initiative.

- The Hong Kong delegation explained their multi-pronged efforts on the **protection of IPR**. The EU delegation suggested that government administrations should work together to cut production and export of fakes.

- The Hong Kong delegation also briefed the meeting on the opening of the **Shenzhen Bay Port**, which commenced operation on 1 July 2007. It was the first land boundary control point where customs facilities were co-located with those of Mainland China.