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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.