

Indonesian Minister of Finance

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On 11 July 2019, Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyo accompanied by Indonesian Ambassador in Brussels, and Excise, Mr. Heru Pambudi.

WCO Secretary General Kunio Mikuriya told Minister Sri Mulyo an opportunity to discuss Customs modernization and related issues. Indonesian Customs' reform journey ought to be shared with the international community, highlighting in particular the emphasis placed on enhancing the capacity of Customs officers, which had led to a positive transformation. The Minister also mentioned that Indonesian Customs had embarked on a journey of enhancing trade facilitation and border security and expressed appreciation for the ongoing support and engagement in the work of the WCO.

Minister Sri Mulyo welcomed the Secretary General's visit to Jakarta and the Customs community. While recognizing the need to continue to improve border enforcement, she underscored the challenges associated with border enforcement, including money laundering and bulk cash smuggling. She emphasized the need for leading to more effective enforcement, including in the area of border security. The raised included environmental crime, and notably illegal logging, which required enhanced coordinated border management and cooperation.

Secretary General Mikuriya stressed that political support and adequate necessary resources to effectively fulfil its ambitious mission. The Minister acknowledged the increasingly important role played by the WCO to raise the profile of WCO activities in several important areas.

The Minister concluded her visit with a few words about the WCO Exhibition to be held in Bali from 3 to 5 June 2020. She expressed her interest in the event, offering an opportunity to enjoy Indonesian hospitality and to move forward with Customs modernization.