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In doing so, this partnership would positively influence wealth creation and provide assurance to the collection of revenue which are both cornerstones to establishing a robust infrastructure upon which to build national prosperity and development.

A dynamic issue in the area of trade facilitation is the growing international alarm at the increased incidence of transnational crime. Drug trafficking, commercial fraud, the trafficking in nuclear material and other material that endangers the environment, trade in endangered species, smuggling of people and other criminal enterprises that cross frontiers have all been the subject of statements of concern by many States and international organizations.

For the foreseeable future, delivering social protection to the citizens of the world is likely to remain of paramount

Against the background of an ambitious trade agenda that will increasingly focus on the other issues that distort free and fair trade, the international Customs community stands ready to continue to work creatively with the WTO to refine, then lock into place the considerable advances that have been made in improving global trade facilitation. By shaping a Customs environment that is a coherent and positive influence on honest international trade, boF17 11 Tf(international11 Tf(trade,) TjETBT1 1 36nlb7 11 Tf