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Executive Summary

Project purpose

This project's purpose is to formulate a recommendation regarding Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in Trade Facilitation.

A large number of trade facilitating initiatives are today made as Public Private Partnerships (PPP), often constructed as Build Operate Train and Transfer. The PPPs for Trade Facilitation can concern border crossing infrastructure, automation of trade documentation exchange, scanning equipment, Single Windows and many more. Some experience suggests that the cost of using such facilities can become very high for the end users.

A lot of resources on PPP are devoted to infrastructure development (hospitals, toll roads, energy, etc.), but there has as yet been no substantive work put together on PPP in the domain of Trade Facilitation. These types of PPP can include technology (Single Window, Port community, scanners, e-procurement) as well as infrastructure (One Stop Border Posts, Toll roads, bridges, railways, ports, airports).

Project scope

The scope of this project is limited to Public Private Partnerships in Trade Facilitation. The background paper provides examples of Trade Facilitation mechanisms which can and / or have used PPP as a means of financing and / or implementation. This background paper is the result of a five month study project within the framework of UN/CEFACT.

A good deal of work has been conducted in other branches of the UN concerning PPP. In almost all cases, these concern infrastructure PPPs.

The UNECE PPP Programme has been active in promoting a better understanding of PPPs among government officials for the past 15 years through lesson sharing, capacity-building and training activities and elaboration of guides on best practices in PPPs. Under the auspices of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, the UNECE has a mandate to build the capacity of governments to undertake PPPs. In 2007 the UNECE Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships was established as the leading intergovernmental body within the UN system devoted to PPPs to facilitate information-sharing and exchange practical experience in Public-Private Partnerships and contribute to the implementation of a capacity-

