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The International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA) held a very successful conference on 12-13th December 2022 in Singapore, welcoming customs brokers from 12 countries in Asia, North and South America, the Caribbean, and Africa, and celebrating the IFCBA's 30th anniversary. The focus of the conference was on the World Customs Organization (WCO) study review of the Harmonized System of Tariff Classification.

In his opening speech, the Secretary General of the WCO, Dr. Kunio Mikuriya, congratulated the organizers of the Global Conference and extended his best wishes on the IFCBA 30th anniversary. Dr. Mikuriya expressed his appreciation for the role of customs brokers worldwide and for the contribution of business operators to customs work.

The WCO official launch of the study on the possible strategic review of the HS, in September 2022, was in the spotlight of the Conference. In this respect, the Secretary of the IFCBA, Ms. Carol West, shared the consolidated results of the replies of the IFCBA members to the survey.

The IFCBA includes HS expert

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practitioners who are committed to the progress of the HS strategic review project and who have substantially contributed already to the WCO Global Conference for the future of the HS, held in Brussels, in May 2019.

The WCO Secretariat represented by a WCO project officer, whose participation was funded by the Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) of China, expressed its appreciation and assured that IFCBA input would be reflected in the study for the WCO members' consideration. Furthermore, she updated the customs brokers on the progress of the study, since its launch, addressed the comments expressed, and discussed the points raised by the participants.

Finally, within the framework of the Conference, the Chairperson of the WCO Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG), Mr. Jaime King, and the Chairperson of the Asia-Pacific Private Sector Group, Mr. Kit Hickey, provided information on their main achievements over the past few years as a result of the opportunities provided by the WCO for the engagement with the private sector.

FFFAI also participated in this important Meet. Representing FFFAI, its Executive Committee Member Mr. Vikrant Gogia made a presentation at the IFCBA Conference to highlight the recent developments in Indian Customs with active collaboration from

the pan India apex body FFFAI. He also shared that the Indian Customs Act 1962 completes its 60 years and FFFAI shares the common Diamond jubilee year celebration.

Mr. Gogia emphasized the Indian Customs' various facilitation measures along with IT and faceless transaction initiatives,

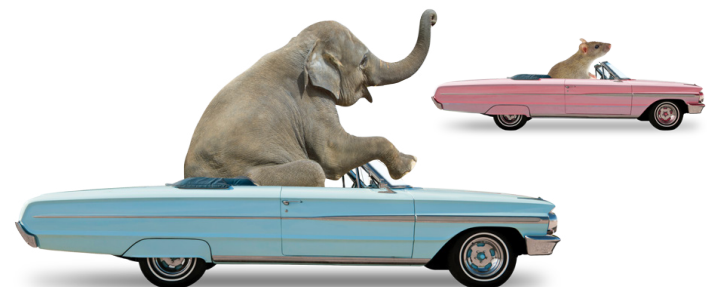
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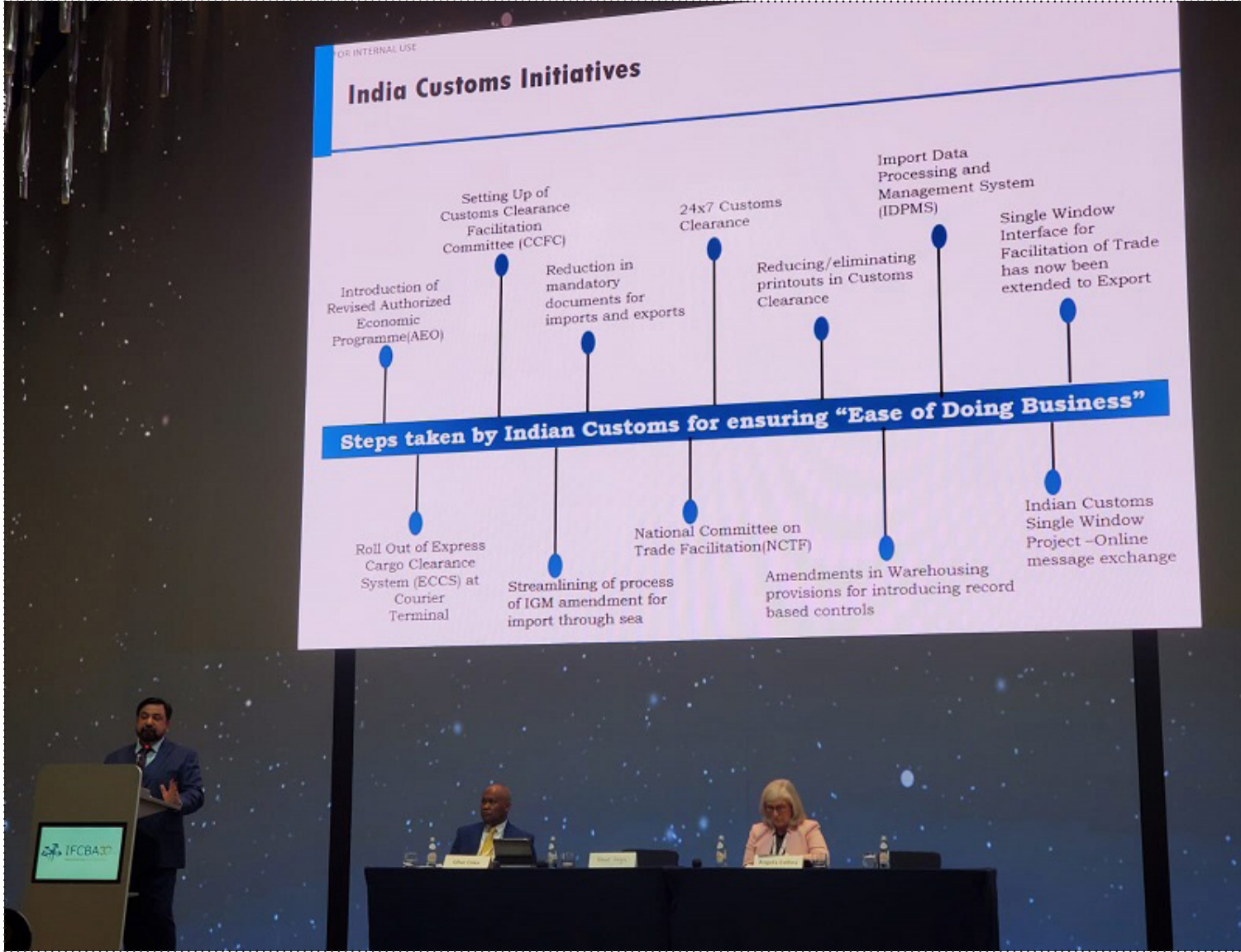
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The audience representing different countries from across the world strongly applauded the developments pertaining to ease of Customs Clearance and Customs Broking Business in India.

Mr Vikrant Gogia, EC Member FFAI speaking at the IFCBA Conference. Also present on the dais are Mr. Clive Coke, President, Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association of Jamaica (CBFFAJ) and Ms. Angela Collins, Director, Canadian Society of Customs Brokers (CSCB).

MARINE NEWS

NEW DELHI
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Gujarat based container manufacturing firm first of its kind to be set up in the country has delivered 32 containers manufactured by them to the state owned Container Corporation of India.

When the container availability crisis gripped the Indian ports post corona Government of India swung into action and set up the first domestic container manufacturing plant at Bhavnagar in Gujarat.

The Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) has taken delivery of 32 containers manufactured by a Bhavnagar

Gujarat based firm manufactures containers, first of its kind in the country



Containers

(Gujarat)-based firm. Mr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health described the development as another important step towards the aim of 'self-reliant India.

Reducing dependence on foreign-made containers is an area of

focus for the government. Towards this end, CONCOR has been placing orders for domestically manufactured boxes, thereby giving a huge fillip to the nascent industry.

China is currently the global leader in container production.

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