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Purpose:

To develop Action Plans on how Law Enforcement, Customs, and Regulators can cooperate (both within each APEC economy and among APEC economies) to prosecute and stop the production of counterfeit medical products

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Criminal Investigations

What is our current understanding of the problem?
What resources are currently dedicated to the problem?
What can the manufacturers do to assist?
Is international coordination effective?
Is there a single point of contact?
What do you see as a workable Action Plan ?

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Clearly, more communication is needed

- Regular
- Case related
- Public – Private combined effort

Improved communication will lead to better cooperation and coordination

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SPOC are needed and a desirable mechanism

- Most have not seen the proposed SPOC
- Strong support for the concept
- Need more time to assess – review responsibilities

Development of action plans – multi-national need further consideration and work

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Criminal Investigations Findings:

Participants in this conference, generally, should serve as interim Points of Contact

Formal SPOC will require in-country consultations to ratify, modify or formally endorse

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Criminal Investigations Findings

Public education is essential – offer from Chile to have industry participate in novel programs in the schools.

Modification of laws not within our authority – but consideration should be given to harmonization of law and particularly, sanctions.

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Closing thoughts:

More work is needed to develop action plans and their implementation.

Who will assess our work and how will we know if we succeed?