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Caretaker Finance Minister Dr. Ghazi Wazni met with the Secretary General of the World Customs Organization (WCO), Kunio Mikuriya, the WCO-MENA regional development manager, Mourad Arfaoui, and the Head of the Higher Council of Customs, General Assaad Toufaily. They discussed Customs related matters, mainly the importance of the new Customs Code and its implementation according to international standards to facilitate the business environment and stimulate the economy.

After the meeting, Mikuriya stated the following:

“The Finance Minister supports the new draft Customs Code that is ready and he has the entire support to implement it. Minister Wazni stressed that Customs is not the only source of revenue collection, but it is also important to improve the business environment with simplified modern procedures. He also highlighted the importance of protecting the interests of citizens and society, emphasizing on Customs reforms and his full support to the Customs Code, the strategic plan and the comprehensive Customs organization.”

Mikuriya added, “As the World Customs Organization, we will make sure the new Customs Code is compliant with the international standards and we will support its actual implementation by providing know-how and expertise. As for the Human Resources Management, implementation is done by people and we will support this area too through cooperation and coordination with the Lebanese Customs Administration.”