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High level working meeting between OLAF and the Anti-Smuggling Bureau of the General Administration of China Customs

A high-level working meeting took place today in Brussels between the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and the Anti-Smuggling Bureau (ASB) of the General Administration of China Customs.

The Director-General of OLAF, Mr Giovanni Kessler and the Director-General of the ASB, Mr Liu Xiaohui, exchanged views on how to strengthen the cooperation between European and Chinese authorities on fighting fraud. Such discussions are essential in the context of the increase in international organised crime.

In particular, EU and Chinese officials discussed ways to counter undervaluation fraud. In Europe this particular type of fraud deprives the budgets of the EU and its Member States of considerable revenues. The Chinese authorities are also confronted with an increase in this phenomenon.

The meeting taking place today also seeks to reinforce the cooperation between the ASB and OLAF in customs fraud investigations.

OLAF

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