

## **“Kyoto Declaration at the IFCBA 2025 Kyoto World Conference”**

We, representative of IFCBA members is honored to stand united in the historic city of Kyoto to deliberate on the theme, “Borders Divide: The Value of Customs Brokers’ Strategic Connection.” In an era characterized by unprecedented complexity and interdependence, the necessity of international cooperation has never been more paramount.

In the face of mounting global challenges, including economic uncertainties and political tensions, our shared responsibility is to transform adversity into opportunity. Trade serves as a cornerstone of global connectivity, fostering economic growth, strengthening ties between nations, and enriching cultural understanding.

We, the participants of this conference, commit ourselves to the following values:

1. **Sustainable Economic Growth:** To safeguard the future of our planet, we pledge to promote trade practices that are environmentally responsible, sustainable, and aligned with the principles of intergenerational equity.
2. **Equality and Inclusion:** We reaffirm our dedication to fostering equal opportunities, ensuring that the benefits of trade extend to all people and communities, leaving no one behind in the pursuit of shared prosperity.
3. **Strengthening International Cooperation:** Recognizing the transformative power of dialogue and collaboration, we commit to partnerships among members to promote peace, stability, and mutual understanding.
4. **Investment in Education, Human Resource Development, and Fairness:** We commit to fostering continuous learning and professional development to enhance fairness and strengthen our capacity to address evolving challenges in a complex global environment.

Our collective mission transcends the facilitation of efficient customs procedures and seamless international logistics. It is our solemn duty to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of human welfare and the betterment of lives across the globe.

Adopted in Kyoto, on this momentous occasion, we call upon all nations, organizations, and stakeholders to join us in upholding these values and forging a future defined by sustainability, inclusivity, and collaboration.