UN ECE WP6 “Telecom Initiative”
(Regulatory convergence dialogue with public authorities)
Telecom Initiative and the International Organisations

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Short description of the UNECE WP6-TI relationship with other most directly related organisations

- UN ECE, WP6-TI deals with regulatory policy level using (but not producing) global standards from different Standards Development Organisations (SDO’s like ITU, ISO, IEC, ETSI, TIA)
- UN ECE, WP6 follows the WTO (World Trade Organisation) principles applying them to specific types of equipment and services with the goal of converging the application of these WTO principles by building trust among States
- UN ECE, WP6 is closely collaborating with CEC (Commission of European Communities), but acts independently
- ITU standards are normally general recommendations (more technology, less product specific) and with deep technical contents
- ETSI in Europe and TIA in USA (among others in other regions) are SDO’s producing standards with product specific technical requirements, sometimes guided by their regulatory regimes. They also produce other relevant technical documents and refer very often to ITU recommendations.