THE TELECOM INITIATIVE AND WTO NON TARIFF BARRIERS PROPOSALS

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UNECE TELECOM INITIATIVE - STATUS

› There has been limited interest from Member Countries towards applying the International Model to the ICT sector

› The proposed Common Regulatory Objectives under the Telecom Initiative provide practical examples of good regulatory practice

› There are proposals in the WTO addressing Non Tariff Barriers for the products under the Telecom Initiative
NTB PROPOSALS FOR ICT IN WTO

EU: NAMA contribution TN/MA/W/119 (dated 9 September 2009) “Understanding on the Interpretation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade as Applied to Trade in Electronics”,
- The Telecom Initiative corresponds to conformity assessment “option a” for Electromagnetic Compatibility and Safety

SYNERGIES BETWEEN WTO NTBS AND UNECE INTERNATIONAL MODEL

› WTO NAMA Propsals
  - NAMA: Covering "electronics" (EC), "electronic goods" (US)
  - Electromagnetic compatibility and safety
  - International standards
  - Conformity assessment
  - Transparency
  - Establishing permanent working party/committee

› UNECE Telecom Initiative
  - Initially 7 ICT products (covered by NAMA/ITA proposals)
  - Electromagnetic compatibility, safety and radio
  - International standards
  - Conformity assessment
  - Transparency

Complementary
EXAMPLE

› Use of Recommendation L as suggested in Telecom Initiative
› Application of ”option a” of TN/MA/W/119 for conformity assessment
› Example of: PC and IMT-2000 (3G)