



THE TELECOM INITIATIVE STATUS NOVEMBER 2010

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UNECE TELECOM INITIATIVE - STATUS

- › No expressed interest regarding the application of the International Model to the ICT sector
- › The proposed Common Regulatory Objectives under the Telecom Initiative provide practical examples of good regulatory practice, suitable for wider use
- › 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/129](#) (dated 7 December 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 both Electromagnetic Compatibility and Safety*

- › US: NAMA contribution [TN/MA/W/125](#) (dated 4 December 2009) “Negotiating Text on Non-Tariff Barriers Pertaining to the Electrical Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) of Electronic Goods” (*including Compendium of Questions and Answers*)

SYNERGIES BETWEEN WTO NTBS AND UNECE INTERNATIONAL MODEL

› WTO NAMA Proposals

- 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



COOPERATION UNECE - WTO

- › [Example](#) of application of EU's NAMA proposal (version from Sept 2009) to products within the Telecom Initiative
- › To be explored: Relevance of NAMA contribution [TN/MA/W/136](#) (dated 15 March 2010) "Framework for Industry-specific NTB Proposals" from Brazil, EU and India