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*

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

Complementary
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