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Draft Common Regulatory Objectives for Telecom and IT equipment were drawn up by industry delegates during 2004 for some typical product groups (PC, peripherals, PSTN terminals, Bluetooth, WLAN, GSM, IMT-2000)

However, there has been little interest expressed from Members to apply 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
NTB PROPOSALS FOR ICT IN WTO

› EU: NAMA contribution [TN/MA/W/129 Rev.1](https://example.com) (dated 23 June 2009) “Understanding on the Interpretation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade as Applied to Trade in Electronics”,
  - Introduces possibility of a gradual simplification
  - The Telecom Initiative does not fully correspond to the proposed suppliers’ declaration route (differences regarding provision of test results)


› No further progress within the framework of NAMA is expected
The WTO Information Technology Agreement (ITA), established 1996, currently 78 members

Removes tariffs from a number of Information and Communications Technology goods

Expansion of the ITA during 2013, in its final stages
  - Focusing on additional products, more countries
  - Hoping to be ready for the WTO Ministerial December 2013

NTBs discussed within the 'Non-Tariff Measures' work
  - Call for more result-oriented work on NTB (raised in WTO Public Forum October 2013)
  - Workshop on NTB being discussed, following the conclusion of expansion negotiations -> mid-2014?
POSSIBLE COOPERATION
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› **Example** of application of EU’s NAMA proposal (version from Sept 2009) to products within the Telecom Initiative

› Dialogue with the WTO ITA Committee, to promote the use of the International Model as a tool to apply results of NTB discussions