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I. INTRODUCTION

In year 2000, the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) continued to actively pursue its assigned task of overseeing APEC's work on **Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation (TILF)**. The implementation and enhancement of the Collective Action Plans (CAPs) remains the core activity of the Committee and its sub-fora as well as the main vehicle in progressing APEC's agenda on trade and investment facilitation. These CAPs were first established in 1996 as part of the Osaka Action Agenda (OAA) process to promote progress across economies towards achieving the Bogor goals of free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific no later than the year 2020. They also support economic and technical cooperation (Ecotech) initiatives as APEC moves towards these goals.

The Committee's specific priorities for 2000, as mandated by Ministers at their Auckland meeting in September 1999, fall into the following broad areas:

- *CAP Improvement* - focusing in particular on broadening and deepening existing CAPs; consideration of possible new areas for CAPs; completion of the policy framework for work in services; and an overhaul of CAPs in Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs);
- *Individual Action Plan (IAP) improvement* – improving transparency, specificity and comprehensiveness of IAPs; developing improved guidelines to show how economies intend to meet the Bogor goals and better defining OAA guidelines in appropriate areas; and improving the peer review process;
- *Trade Facilitation* – intensifying efforts in trade facilitation with a focus on tangible outcomes to business, including the consideration of developing a set of non-binding APEC Principles on Trade Facilitation; and
- *Strengthening Markets* – collective implementation of the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform to strengthen market infrastructure.

In addition, CTI continued to play a coordinating role in carrying forward work on early voluntary sectoral liberalization (EVSL), a task delegated to it by the Senior Officials since 1998. It also monitored the development of proposals/packages of technical assistance/confidence building measures to facilitate the implementation of WTO Agreements and the integration of developing economies into the multilateral trading system.

The 2000 CTI Annual Report to Ministers outlines the Committee's accomplishments for the year with regard to the above mandates and attempts to put forth recommendations on priority areas for the year 2001.

II. CTI ACTIVITIES IN 2000: AN OVERVIEW

The Committee met three times during 2000 in Bandar Seri Begawan: 16-17 February; 30-31 May; and 19-20 September. The meetings were chaired by Mr Joseph M Damond of the United States of America.

Meetings of CTI sub-fora and related events held during the year include:

- Market Access Group (MAG) – Bandar Seri Begawan, 18 February; and Bandar Seri Begawan, 17 September
- Group on Services (GOS) – Bandar Seri Begawan, 18-19 February; Bandar Seri Begawan, 28-29 May; and Bandar Seri Begawan, 17-18 September
- Investment Experts' Group (IEG) – Shanghai, China, 17-18 March; Bandar Seri Begawan, 27-28 May; and Bandar Seri Begawan, 15-16 September
- Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC) – Bandar Seri Begawan, 18-19 February; Bandar Seri Begawan 28-29 May; and Bandar Seri Begawan, 17-18 September
- Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) – Bandar Seri Begawan, 18-20 February; and Bandar Seri Begawan 16-18 September
- Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group (IPEG) – Sapporo, Japan, 2-3 March; and Cheju, Korea, 12-13 July
- Competition Policy/Deregulation Workshop – Bandar Seri Begawan, 27-28 May
- Government Procurement Experts' Group (GPEG) – Bandar Seri Begawan, 12-13 February; and Bandar Seri Begawan, 15-16 September
- Informal Experts' Group on the Mobility of Business People (IEGBM) - Bandar Seri Begawan, 18 February; and Bandar Seri Begawan, 30 May

CTI continued to utilize the informal exchange of views in the Trade Policy Dialogue (TPD) as a useful means of broadening perspectives and sharing approaches on issues. It held three TPD sessions during the year on the following topics: (i) Trade in Services; (ii) APEC's support for the Multilateral Trading System; and (iii) APEC and the New Economy.

A. Collective Action Plans (CAPs)

1. Implementation and Enhancement of CAPs in 2000

In response to Leaders'/Ministers' instructions, CTI and its sub-fora intensified their implementation and enhancement work on the CAPs, making significant progress towards the Osaka Action Agenda (OAA) objectives and Bogor goals. *Appendix I* contains the Convenor's Summary Reports and revised CAPs for 2000.

Several of these enhancements/measures were implemented in direct response to the priorities set in 1999 by Ministers: review and strengthen processes for collective actions under the Osaka Action Agenda, including broadening and deepening CAPs. Some

examples of progress made include: a study in tariffs area with respect to trade data and trade information with a view to building capacity to participate in the WTO negotiations; the formulation of approaches to strengthen future work on CAPs in the Policy Framework for APEC work in services; the possible inclusion of “intellectual property rights” and “technology transfer” in the Menu of Options of the investment area; the revision of the Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program in standards and conformance; the elevation of "paperless trading" as a new collective action for customs procedures; the development of new CAPs for APEC activities on the IP field aiming at the post-TRIPs era; and an agreed work program for 2001 that will survey the use of E-Commerce in procurement by economies and seek to build capacity in implementing E-procurement.

CTI sub-fora also made further advancements in a wide range of TILF activities which will increase the transparency of trade and investment, lower transaction costs of cross border trade and result in greater certainty and predictability for the business community. Highlights of such outcomes are shown in *Box 1* below.

Box 1. Highlights of Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation (TILF) Outcomes for 2000 by CTI Sub-Forum

<i>CTI Sub-forum</i>	<i>Highlights of TILF Outcomes</i>
<i>Market Access Group (MAG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stock-take of work in the non tariff measures (NTMs) area by various fora, including identifying the types of NTMs, with a view to intensifying work on reducing NTMs • [Agreement on a shortlist of ideas for future NTMs work program]
<i>Group on Services (GOS)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of the Policy Framework for APEC Work in Services • [Completion of Phase 1 of the Development of the Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and ECOTECH of Services Trade and Investment] • Completion of the Project on the Identification of Measures Affecting Trade and Investment in Education Services
<i>Investment Experts' Group (IEG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-reference between IAPs and Menu of Options • 5th APEC Investment Symposium, 13-14 March, Shanghai • Menu of Facilities offered in a One Stop Agency • Workshops on Implementation of the Menu of Options
<i>Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulations and Information Notes on Good Practice for Technical Regulations • [Adoption of] a work program on trade facilitation in information technology products in response to the Information Technology Industry Council's (ITI's)

<i>CTI Sub-forum</i>	<i>Highlights of TILF Outcomes</i>
<i>Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> proposal. • Completion of a comprehensive review of progress on alignment with international standards • Completion of comprehensive multi-year technical assistance programs on Adoption of the Principles of the WTO Valuation Agreement; Adoption of the Principles of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs); Introduction of Clear Appeals Provision; Introduction of an Advance Classification Ruling System; and Provisions for Temporary Importation • Development of an Assessment/Evaluation Approach to measure the Implementation of SCCP CAPs • Elevation of “Paperless Trading” as a new CAP
<i>Intellectual Property Rights Experts’ Group (IPEG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of a Joint Statement on WTO/TRIPs Agreement Implementation • Endorsement of WIPO Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Well-Known Marks • Held an APEC/IPEG Separate Meeting on IPR Enforcement on 14 July, Cheju to exchange information on IPR enforcement between public and private sectors
<i>Workshop on Competition Policy and Deregulation (CPD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the 4th APEC PFP Training Program on Competition Policy, 14-16 March, Bangkok • Development of an APEC-OECD Joint Cooperation Program on Regulatory Reform for 2000-2001 • APEC Seminar on WTO Issues (Investment and Competition), 23 August, Lima
<i>Government Procurement Experts’ Group (GPEG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed format for inclusion in Members’ IAPs, of specific plans and time tables, as reference for voluntarily bringing their GP systems into conformity with the non-binding principles. • Established future work programs aimed at improving information on E-procurement and building capacity in this area and in the area of non-binding principles implementation.
<i>Informal Experts’ Group on the Mobility of Business People (IEGBM)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme. • Extension of streamlined processing arrangements and benchmark service standards to specialists and other key business personnel • Develop an evaluation strategy for measuring the success of document fraud training.

In response to the strong endorsement by ABAC on trade facilitation work in respect of alignment of standards and customs procedures as priority areas, SCSC and SCCP further intensified work in their respective areas to achieve greater transparency, reduction in compliance and transaction costs as well as closer relations and interaction with the private sector. SCSC developed the Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulations and the Information Notes, which would provide APEC member economies with guidance for adoption of efficient regulatory arrangements leading to reductions in technical barriers to trade. It also developed a work program on trade facilitation in information technology products in collaboration with the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI). SCCP has completed about half of its CAP work programs on important customs areas such as WTO Valuation, WTO TRIPs (on border control), Clear Appeals Provisions, Advance Classification Ruling, Temporary Importation and Express Consignment. It also developed plans to improve the levels of “Integrity” in Customs Administrations, a collective action newly introduced in 1999.

MAG undertook a stock-take of work in the non-tariff measures (NTMs) area by various fora, including identifying the types of NTMs with a view to intensifying work on reducing NTMs. It drew up a list of ideas for future NTMs Work Program and [agreed to adopt some of the elements as CAPs for implementation in 2001. These elements included (i) undertaking research and policy discussions on trade regulations and administrative arrangements that focus on procedural elements of trade processes; (ii) undertaking a series of policy discussions on selected NTMs with a view to exploring issues surrounding their progressive reduction, and devising practical options for their progressive reduction on a voluntary basis; (iii) further developing the MAG homepage of links to websites of APEC member economies dealing with trade regulations and associated administrative arrangements as a resource to business and other economies; (iv) expanding the MAG website by publishing other appropriate MAG papers on the website; and (v) maintaining a dialogue with other APEC fora on aspects of their work programs which address NTMs]. In addition, MAG also agreed to undertake a study in the tariffs area with respect to trade data and tariff information.

GOS has completed its development of a broader policy framework for work on services, taking into account the cross-cutting nature of services work. The Framework will facilitate the better organization of APEC services work as well as better coordination of the APEC service-related fora/sub-fora. To implement the Policy Framework, GOS has commenced development of the Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment.

IPEG developed a Joint Statement on the WTO/TRIPs Agreement Implementation, which was adopted by the Ministers Responsible for Trade in June. The statement demonstrated APEC economies’ commitments to fully implement the TRIPs Agreement. In response to the post TRIPs era, the IPEG is in its final stages of completing a new CAP on IPR. [As part of the new CAP, the IPEG agreed to undertake a program of information exchange and technical cooperation to promote strong management practices for software and other IP assets in APEC economies.]

CPD considered effective ways to implement the APEC Principles on Competition and Regulatory Reform. It identified two areas, which it would be looking into as part of its future work program. These relate to (i) the facilitation of the basic understanding by

APEC fora and sub-fora of the Principles and its implications for the process of implementation in each respective area and (ii) the design of effective and efficient means for reporting on the advancements of the process of implementation of the Principles by APEC fora and sub-fora.

GPEG focused on the process of voluntary reviews by economies on consistency of their government procurement regimes with the APEC Non-Binding Principles on Government Procurement. It also discussed and studied alternative approaches to encourage domestic suppliers to participate in competing to supply government procurement needs without restricting competitive opportunity for foreign suppliers.

CTI also strengthened its role in coordinating TILF-related activities in other APEC fora. Like CTI sub-fora, these APEC fora also produced an impressive range of TILF outcomes which include, *inter-alia*: completion by TELWG of the APEC Principles on Interconnection and APEC Principles on International Charging Arrangements for Internet Services of Interconnection; development by EWG of a Program of Implementation Facilitation to assist APEC member economies to implement agreed energy initiatives; and development by the TWG of the APEC Tourism Charter which reflects a collective commitment to improve the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of APEC member economies through tourism. A full report on TILF Activities in Other APEC Fora is attached as *Appendix II* and the highlights noted in *Box 2*.

Box 2. Highlights of TILF Outcomes in Other APEC Fora

<i>APEC Working Group</i>	<i>Highlights of TILF Outcomes</i>
<i>Energy Working Group (EWG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a Program of Implementation Facilitation to assist APEC member economies to implement agreed energy initiatives, including power and gas sector reform. • Development of a general policy framework for cooperation on energy efficiency standards, and mechanism to facilitate the implementation of a product-by-product approach to the greater alignment of energy performance test procedures
<i>Telecommunications Working Group (TELWG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEC Principles of Interconnection • APEC Principles on International Charging Arrangements for Internet Services of Interconnection • Completion of the project on "Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunications" designed to assist APEC member economies with implementation issues related to the Agreement
<i>Tourism Working Group (TWG)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the APEC Tourism Charter
<i>Economic Committee (EC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on "APEC Economies beyond the Asian Crisis," which examines and identifies the long-term implications of the Asian financial crisis on APEC economies and their prospects for future growth

<i>APEC Working Group</i>	<i>Highlights of TILF Outcomes</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of a project on "Towards a Knowledge-based Economy in APEC," which promotes the use of knowledge as a factor of production, and develops cooperative action for member economies

Appendix III provides a comprehensive matrix on TILF outcomes in 2000 across APEC fora. The TILF Outcomes include: *policy initiatives* (e.g. broader policy framework for work in services, menu of options, code of conduct); *public information products* (e.g. SCCP Blueprint; databases); *dialogues*; *training and technical cooperation programs*; and *information collection and surveys*.

2. *Response to APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Recommendations*

CTI examined ABAC’s recommendations to APEC Leaders in 1999 relating to *non-tariff measures, standards and conformance, customs procedures, investment and regulatory reform*. While relevant CTI sub-fora are already addressing some recommendations, other recommendations will require more time and closer dialogue between ABAC and the relevant fora. Cognizant of this need, CTI continues to encourage wider working level dialogues with business and professional groups to promote better understanding of the issues involved and to devise specific ways of addressing them.

Box 3. CTI Response to ABAC Recommendations

<i>ABAC Recommendation</i>	<i>CTI Response</i>
<p>NTM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>APEC to take further steps to eliminate NTMs, particularly in the areas of customs procedures, standards and conformance and government procurement</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAG is developing a work program to intensify work on reducing NTMs. It undertook a stock-take of work in the NTMs area by various fora, including the compilation of a list of generic NTMs. • SCCP has elevated “paperless trading” as a new CAP item and developed plans to improve the levels of “integrity” in customs administration. • SCSC conducted a comprehensive review of member economies’ alignment work and would continue to investigate means of enhancing regulatory practices through a program of case studies and seminars. • GPEG is studying alternative approaches to encouraging domestic suppliers to participate in competing to supply government procurement needs without restricting competitive opportunity for

<i>ABAC Recommendation</i>	CTI Response
	foreign suppliers.
<p><i>Investment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Implement the Menu of Options</i> <p><i>Regulatory Reform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Implement the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three workshops have been held to assist member economies in the implementation of the Menu of Options <li>• IEG is looking into expanding the Menu of Options to include IPR and technology transfer. <li>• IEG is discussing the development of guidelines for facilitating implementation of the Menu of Options. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several activities were planned/conducted during the year in response to the strengthening markets framework adopted by APEC. These include the Workshop on Public Sector Management; APEC Symposium on Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure; 2000 APEC SME & New Business Support Workshop; a Joint Seminar on Structural Reform under the initiative for Strengthening Human Resources Development for Structural Reform and a joint APEC-OECD Cooperation Initiative on Regulatory Reform 2000-2001.

3. *Support for Multilateral Trading System*

To ensure that APEC continues to play a positive and leading role in the multilateral trading system, CTI continued to maintain a proactive stance in respect of the work being done by the WTO. Recognizing the needs particularly in developing economies for assistance in implementing WTO obligations, CTI led the development of a strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to implement WTO agreements. This strategic plan aims to provide tailor-made packages of technical assistance for developing APEC economies that will facilitate their ability to implement WTO agreements. As a start, a questionnaire was distributed to all economies to survey the needs of APEC developing economies, to analyze and evaluate existing international cooperation schemes in order for a strategic plan to be developed for improved coordination and effectiveness of capacity-building activities. In 2001, CTI will actively explore initiatives to implement the strategic plan.

A Seminar on Investment and Competition to promote a common understanding of issues related to possible future multilateral rules on investment and competition was held in

Peru on 23 August. Another seminar is scheduled to be held in the Philippines late November.

B. Early Voluntary Sectoral Liberalization (EVSL)

In Auckland, Ministers welcomed the progress on implementing the non-tariff measures, facilitation and Ecotech elements of the EVSL initiative and requested for reports on the outcome of the further set of initiatives agreed to in 1999. CTI reviewed the implementation of the agreed work programs of the EVSL sectors as well as the processes to take forward and consolidate these work programs. It agreed to a proposal by the Asia-Pacific Chemical Industry Coalition (APCIC) to set up a chemical dialogue, in which senior government and industry representatives would meet regularly. The terms of reference for this Dialogue would be developed in 2001.

MAG was designated as the focal point for organizing the work on non-tariff measures with sectoral coordinators acting as the contact points to assist the MAG where necessary to manage the work. The process of notification and cross-notification to identify non-tariff measures affecting the product sectors that began last year has been completed. A list of generic non-tariff measures has been compiled. A follow-up work mechanism to progress the EVSL NTMs is being undertaken by MAG.

The 2nd meeting of the Automotive Dialogue was held successfully on 6-8 April 2000 in Manila with more than 170 participants from industry and government. A substantive work program has been set in train, which will require close consultation with other APEC fora, particularly in the areas of customs, standards and intellectual property rights.

Several EVSL projects approved in 1999 have been successfully implemented. These were:

- *Toys*: The APEC Seminar on the ISO Global Safety Standard, IS 8124 was held on 20-22 March 2000 in Hong Kong, China. The Seminar attracted 256 participants, including both government officials and private sector representatives, from 10 APEC economies. All relevant materials of the Seminar are presently available on the Internet at www.ita.doc.gov/ocg/ecotech/seminar.html.
- *Medical equipment and instruments*: The Seminar for Government Regulators/Harmonization of Medical Equipment Regulation was conducted on 1-2 March 2000 in Singapore. The Seminar covered topics such as Quality System Requirements and Guidance, Pre-market Review, Vigilance and Post-Market Surveillance and Auditing.
- *Gems & Jewelry*: The APEC Gems and Jewelry Trade and Technology Seminar was held in Beijing on 15-19 May 2000. The seminar discussed a broad range of topics in the area of processing and trade of Gems and Jewelry within APEC. The APEC 2000 International Jewellery Conference was held in Melbourne on 28-29 August 2000. The Conference examined the challenges the industry faces and the latest technological developments, including manufacturing techniques, design, marketing and training and looked into the development of co-operative initiatives and examine opportunities for collaborative projects. A Seminar-Workshop on Fine Jewelry

Assaying and Hallmarking among APEC Economies was held in Hong Kong on 18-19 September 2000. This Seminar-Workshop was the final phase of the project, “Development/Implementation of Training Programs and Establishment of APEC Assay Centre for Jewelry Testing, Assaying and Hallmarking for APEC Member economies”.

- *Forest Products*: The completion of the NTM study on Forest Products. The publication is available in both hard copy and electronically on the Internet at the APEC Secretariat’s Homepage, www.apecsec.org.sg/pubs/freepubs.html#2000
- *Food*: The Seminar on Public Health Issues in Animal Production/Animal Products held in Beijing, China on 15-19 October 2000. The seminar was aimed at increasing the safety of food and enhancing environmental protection.

A summary of the work plans and/or further progress made in the various sectors can be found at *Appendix IV*.

C. IAP Review

Parallel to the CAP review exercise, CTI, together with relevant sub-fora was tasked to pursue all aspects of the work program agreed by Ministers as a matter of priority. This work included:

- development of the electronic prototype IAP (e-IAP) system;
- review of and development of OAA/improved guidelines for use by member economies to show how they intended to achieve Bogor Goals; and
- improving the peer review process.

The development of the e-IAP had been identified as a key outcome for APEC Economic Leaders at their meeting in November. The delivery of the e-IAP responds to the ABAC recommendations for IAPs to be more transparent, specific and comprehensive. The e-IAP work, undertaken in three overlapping phases, was led by a Project Team (comprising Australia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore) supported by the APEC Secretariat.

In Phase 1, CTI subfora was tasked to review the format and presentation of IAPs and develop the templates for IAP chapters relating to their specific subject areas. The template development process proceeded relatively smoothly and has received broad support from APEC member economies and ABAC. CTI also took the opportunity to streamline the reporting process.

During the course of preparing the IAP chapter formats, it became clear that the reporting criteria in the templates would in themselves, replace most of the APEC IAP Format Guidelines of 1997. A revised set of guidelines comprising a brief overview on how to approach preparation of the new electronic IAPs and incorporating all 14 chapter templates was developed. A copy of the *2000 APEC IAP Format Guidelines* can be found at *Appendix V*.

To further streamline the IAP reporting requirements, a standardized reporting format for submission of *Summary Report on Commitment Achieved and Improvements Planned* was

developed. This would replace the Summary of Individual Actions matrices of former IAP format. The reporting format would also be used for preparation of preliminary reports on improvements, which are normally required for submission to MRT.

Phase 2 relates to the development of a web-based e-IAP system. The e-IAP software development work is sponsored by Microsoft to the level of S\$250,000. The system designed by Microsoft was made available on *(to be filled in)* to member economies for uploading of 2000 IAPs.

Phase 3 relates to training and technical assistance. A Seminar on the Introduction of Next Generation IAPs was held in Singapore from 18-19 July for officials responsible for the coordination of IAPs. The objective of this seminar was to introduce the participants to the new IAP formats and equip them with the skills and tools to effectively implement the “new” format. Subsequently, on the margins of SOM III, a training session on the use of the e-IAP system for IAP coordinators was conducted by Microsoft. The session provided participants with the opportunity to get a hands-on exercise on the use of the system.

The e-IAP system incorporating the changes in the 2000 APEC IAP Format Guidelines will be completed for presentation to the Annual APEC Ministerial Meeting. At their meeting in Darwin in June, Ministers Responsible for Trade recommended that APEC economies report as much of their 2000 IAPs as possible in the new format. In that connection, several economies have opted to present their entire IAP in the new format in 2000. The CTI further decided that all economies could prepare their IAPs in the new format from 2001 onwards (although developing economies could be given the option to defer presentation of base year information to 2002).

Recognizing the importance of publicizing the new e-IAP system, the CTI has decided to develop a promotional strategy, particularly targeted at potential business users. The promotional work would be timed to coincide with the presentation of all 21 economies’ IAPs on the e-IAP system in November 2001.

As regards the Ministerial instruction to “*develop means by which the OAA guidelines might be better defined in areas where this is required*”, it was agreed at the June Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade, that a comprehensive approach taking into account developments and changes since 1995 would be adopted. CTI considered proposals received from its sub-fora and member economies and agreed on a process to take forward the review with the objective finalizing recommendations to MRT in mid-2001.

In response to Ministers’ directive to develop options to improve the peer review process, CTI reviewed a number of suggestions and developed a proposal for consideration of SOM and Ministers. The main thrust of the recommendations rest on the need for regular, focused and manageable Peer Reviews without compromising its voluntary nature.

E. Strengthening Markets

The APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform is a core part of the “Road Map” governing work in the area of strengthening markets. The “Road Map” provides a useful template on how APEC might approach further work on strengthening markets, drawing together a number of elements which cut across various fora – e.g,

public sector management, HRD for structural reform, strengthening of market infrastructure, development of analytical work to support APEC efforts to strengthen markets, etc.

Within the CTI, the implementation of these Principles is overseen by CPD. CPD has discussed effective ways to implement the Principles, noting the importance of working jointly with other APEC fora and subfora, the private sector and academia in the implementation of the principles. CPD also supported a joint APEC-OECD Cooperation Initiative on Regulatory Reform 2000-2001 proposed by the OECD, which would be of direct relevance to the Road Map. An opening joint conference is being planned for November to provide an opportunity for participants from both sides to be updated on major developments and share experiences in regulatory reform, including the principles guiding APEC and OECD.

CTI also had an opportunity to review initiatives/activities undertaken by individual economies to address specific elements on the Road Map. New Zealand organized a Workshop on Public Sector Management in May which provided members with an opportunity to share reform experiences, effective practices (particularly in financial management and improving public sector productivity), successes and challenges. Australia, Indonesia and Japan co-organized the Symposium on Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure in July. A Cooperation Framework for Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure to clarify the future course of cooperation in this area was developed for presentation to the November Ministerial Meeting. In September, Brunei Darussalam and Japan organized two events, namely, the 2000 APEC SME and New Business Support Workshop and a joint seminar on strengthening HRD for structural reform.

F. Trade Facilitation

An ad hoc Task Force on Trade Facilitation was established under the auspices of CTI to pursue work in developing a set of APEC non-binding principles on trade facilitation in response to Ministers' directive. Such principles are intended to assist policy-makers of APEC economies in formulating and implementing pro-business trade and investment measures.

The Task Force has met twice this year on 29 May and 18 September. It reviewed work by member economies and relevant sub-fora to advance the trade facilitation agenda. Such activities served as reference of the Task Force for the formulation of the principles. The Task Force has drawn up a list of core elements of the trade facilitation principles that would form the basis for further development of the set of non-binding principles itself. The Task Force would intensify its work with a view to making substantive progress by mid-2001.

A Workshop on Trade Facilitation: New Directions and the Development Challenge were held on 13-14 September. The Workshop identified effective measures for action in four areas: a) regulatory reform and standards; b) customs procedures; c) mobility of businesspersons; and professional accreditation; and d) electronic commerce as a mechanism of trade facilitation.

The BizAPEC.com website (<http://www.bizapec.com>) represents a major contribution to trade facilitation in the region. BizAPEC.com brings together under one web address the

vast amount of valuable information for business which, to date, has not been readily accessible. It enables exporters to explore regional business opportunities; compare export markets; check tariff levels, customs and standards requirements; access laws, rules and regulations; find business visa information; and make contact with government agencies. The site will be a particular asset for small and medium businesses, which often lack the resources to track down information and cut through bureaucracy in diverse markets around the region.

G. Cooperation with Observers

1. Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

CTI continues its close working relationship with the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), in particular, its Trade Policy Forum (TPF). The latter plays an active role in channeling inputs into the work of CTI and its sub-fora, including the Group on Services (GOS), Competition Policy and Deregulation Group (CPD) and Investment Experts Group (IEG). To forge closer collaboration between APEC and PECC, representatives from GOS and CPD have attended the PECC Trade Policy Forum on "Charting the Asia Pacific Trade Agenda in the Millennium" held in May in Brunei Darussalam.

PECC's substantive contributions to the CTI in 2000 include : a Sample Prototype for Development of the APEC's Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation, and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Services Trade and Investment, and provision of inputs and suggestions to facilitate the implementation of the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform.

Other activities of relevance and interest to the CTI are: a PECC study on Impediments to Trade and Investment including a study on Non-tariff Measures in Goods and Services Trade to be released next year; a collaborative project on "The Treatment of Market Power in East Asia : Law, Policy and Practice", covering approaches to competition and market forces in selected economies; and a seminar and research work on "Regional Trading Arrangements" in 2001.

2. ASEAN Secretariat

The presence of the ASEAN Secretariat serves the dual function of keeping APEC informed of ASEAN activities and keeping ASEAN informed of APEC activities, especially the non-APEC members of ASEAN. This promotes closer coordination in their activities.

In 2000, the ASEAN Secretariat attended all CTI meetings and kept CTI abreast of the latest developments in all areas of ASEAN cooperation. The ASEAN Secretariat also attended some of the meetings of CTI sub-fora.

3. *South Pacific Forum*

The South Pacific Forum's ongoing close working relationship and consultations with CTI have kept the SPF informed of developments to the TILF process within APEC. This interaction has also kept APEC abreast of progress on the economic and trade reforms taking place in Forum Island Countries (FICs). The annually revised Forum Economic Action Plan, which helps guide these reforms in each FIC, has continued to emphasize the vital role of the private sector. Regarding private sector development, the Action Plan requires FICs to enhance their public-private sector partnership. It is recognized that this can be achieved through the fostering of transparency, which is an integral component of APEC's non-binding investment principles. The FICs' implementation of this Action Plan and adherence as much as possible to the principles and obligations of APEC have assisted at least three FICs in their WTO accession process. In recognition of the value placed on trade and investment liberalization and facilitation measures, the SPF has commissioned studies on quarantine, customs and standards, the outcomes of which should enable the region to standardize and harmonize these trade facilitation measures up to international level. It should also be noted that the region has advanced its international economic integration process with the agreement in 1999 by the Forum Leaders to establish a Free Trade Area (FTA) amongst the FICs. The FTA is an integral component of the region's moves towards eventually achieving free and open trade and investment.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Ministers:

- endorse CTI's 2000 Annual Report and the revised/enhanced CAPs it contains;
- welcome the commendable achievements in 2000 which appears in Appendix III (Matrix of 2000 TILF Outcomes);
- note:
 - expansion of the CAPs to intensify work on NTMs;
 - completion of the APEC Policy Framework for work on services
 - renewed mandates of the SCSC and SCCP for a further 3 years;
 - development of Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulations and Information Notes by the SCSC
 - development of an assessment/evaluation approach to measure the implementation of the SCCP collective action plans;
 - development of the e-IAP system and related 2000 APEC IAP Format Guidelines;
 - launch of the BizAPEC website;
 - progress in the implementation of the agreed non-tariff measures, facilitation and ecotech work programs of EVSL, including the setting up of a Chemical Dialogue;
 - development of initiatives to implement the Road Map of Strengthening Markets
 - progress achieved in the Strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to implement WTO Agreements.
- agree that, in carrying forward, a major focus of CTI's work should continue to be the implementation and progressive improvements of CAPs, as envisaged in the Osaka Action Agenda;
- endorse CTI's recommendations on the peer review process; and
- direct CTI, in executing its 2001 work program, to give priority to:

- further consider and develop the “list of discussed ideas for future NTMs work program” with a view to translating them into new CAPs;
- work on review of and development of OAA/improved guidelines for use by member economies to show how they intended to achieve Bogor goals;
- completion of the new CAP on IPR;
- completion of non-binding Principles on Trade Facilitation; and
- implementation of the Cooperation Framework for Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure.

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES

1. Introduction

The Market Access Group (MAG) was established by the Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) at its meeting in St. John's in August 1997 to coordinate and undertake necessary work relating to Tariff/Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) Collective Action Plan (CAP) and voluntary sectoral liberalisation.

MAG convened its 1st meeting in February 1998 in Penang, Malaysia to discuss its work plan and deliverables, and the adoption of the Group's Terms of Reference as approved by CTI. A progress report on the Group's CAP was first circulated at the 2nd meeting in June 1998 in Kuching, Malaysia and was subsequently finalised. The 3rd MAG meeting in Wellington, New Zealand in February 1999, undertook a review of its mandate and its CAP implementation since 1996.

The 4th MAG Meeting in August 1999 considered taking on the coordination role for the NTM components of the Early Voluntary Sectoral Liberalisation (EVSL) sectors. Subsequently, as directed by SOM, MAG included the new CAP "follow the progress of the approved work programmes on NTMs in EVSL and consolidate the overall results of this work". MAG also adopted the new CAP "consider the possibility of adopting a work programme to progress the OAA objective of progressively reducing NTMs". The 5th MAG Meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan in February 2000 identified the proposed work plans and expected outcomes/deliverable for 2000. The 6th MAG Meeting in September 2000 discussed ideas for a future tariff and NTMs work programme.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Consulted EVSL sectoral coordinators on NTMs identified through their respective sectors' work programme, and developed a list of generic NTMs for MAG's consideration on progressing its NTM work programme.
- Discussed a follow-up work mechanism to progress EVSL NTMs work as detailed in [Annex 1](#).
- Requested members to provide regular updates of tariff information as changes occur, and provide annual updates of trade and other agreed data to the APEC Tariff Database (TDB) Manager.
- Submitted contact details/website addresses to the APEC Secretariat for forwarding to the TDB Manager.
- Requested members to provide the WTO Secretariat with tariff and trade data annually in accordance with WTO obligations.
- Liaised with the WTO Secretariat on the possibility of conducting a second seminar on WTO Integrated Database in February 2001.
- Developed improved format for the tariffs chapter of the IAP for use as the e-IAP template for reporting progress on liberalisation in tariffs by member economies.
- Continued to update the Website on Import Regulations.
- Developed improved format for the NTMs chapter of the IAP for use as the e-IAP template to enhance transparency of NTMs and for reporting progress on their reduction.
- Discussed ideas for future NTMs work programme as detailed in [Annex 2](#). MAG will further discuss these ideas at its meeting in February 2001, and would amend the CAPs to reflect the new work programme.

3. Agreed New Collective Actions

- Review the Terms of Reference of the MAG in both tariffs and NTMs area with a view to providing clearer guidance on the roles and functions of the group.
- Undertake study in the tariffs area with respect to trade data and tariff information, including issues of particular interest to developing member economies, with a view to building capacity to participate in the WTO negotiations.
- Develop improved format for the tariffs chapter of the IAP for use as the e-IAP template for reporting progress on liberalisation in tariffs by member economies.
- Develop improved format for the NTMs chapter of the IAP for use as the e-IAP template to enhance transparency of NTMs and for reporting progress on their reduction.

- Undertake a stock-take of work in the NTMs area by various fora, including identifying types of NTMs, with a view to intensifying work on reducing NTMs.

4. Benefits and Beneficiary

The study in the tariffs area would educate member economies on trade flows in the Asia-Pacific region and tariff information vital for assessing individual economies' interests. Such information would also contribute to future WTO negotiations. The analysis would focus, in particular, on the issues of tariff escalation and tariff peaks which are of particular interest to developing economies. The identification of NTMs undertaken through the work programme of the EVSL sectors would lead to greater transparency of NTMs that may impact on trade flows, thereby benefiting the business community. In addition, NTMs commonly found across sectors can be prioritised as suitable candidates for reduction. All this work effectively provides assistance which is of mutual benefit to member economies.

5. 2000 Highlights

- Agreed to undertake study in the tariffs area with respect to trade data and tariff information, including issues of particular interest to developing member economies, with a view to building capacity to participate in the WTO negotiations.
- Provided updates of tariff information and contact details/website addresses to the APEC Tariff Database.
- Updated the Website on Import Regulations.
- Liaised with the WTO Secretariat on the possibility of conducting a second seminar on WTO Integrated Database in February 2001.
- Developed improved format for the tariffs and NTMs chapters of the IAP for use as the e-IAP template.
- Undertook a stock-take of work in the NTMs area by various fora, including identifying the types of NTMs, with a view to intensifying work on reducing NTMs.
- Discussed ideas for future NTMs work programme.

EVSL Follow-up Relating to NTMs

- Seek EVSL Coordinators' assistance in allowing member economies to respond to NTMs notified against them and report to MAG on progress.
- Finalise the process of transferring NTMs in the EVSL process to be addressed generically by other sub-fora.
- Discuss possible ways of taking forward work on generic NTMs in the EVSL process which do not fall under the areas of responsibility of other sub-fora and are of a cross-cutting nature.
- Liaise with sub-fora tasked with the responsibility of addressing specific NTMs and report to CTI on progress.
- Recommend that CTI take responsibility of reporting back to Ministers on NTMs work progress.
- Explore options to improve NTM Chapter of IAP as a mechanism to monitor and assist the progressive reduction of NTMs in EVSL sectors.
- Explore Ecotech activities which may assist economies in addressing NTMs in EVSL sectors.

Discussed Ideas for Future Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) Work Programme

1. Substance

- Develop a comprehensive and inclusive list of trade regulations and associated administrative arrangements with the potential to affect trade patterns.
- Discuss criteria for assessing trade regulations and associated administrative arrangements with a view to establishing what kind of measures can be considered justifiable and how measures might be implemented in a manner which does not distort trade flows.
- Elaborate the scope of NTMs affecting significant volume of trade in APEC economies.
- Undertake research and policy discussions on trade regulations and administrative arrangements that focus on procedural elements of trade processes. Such research and policy discussion could be generic or sector-specific.
- Undertake a series of policy discussions on selected NTMs with a view to exploring issues surrounding their progressive reduction, and devising practical options for their progressive reduction on a voluntary basis.

2. Transparency and Capacity Building

- Further develop the MAG homepage of links to websites of APEC member economies dealing with trade regulations and associated administrative arrangements as a resource to business and other economies.
- Expand the MAG website by publishing other appropriate MAG papers on the website.
- Monitor the preparation of the NTM chapter of member economies' Individual Action Plans (IAPs) with a view to refining it as a resource for business and other economies to understand the trade regulations and associated administrative arrangements of member economies.
- Explore further improvements to the NTMs chapter of the IAP as a mechanism to monitor and assist the progressive reduction of NTMs.
- Monitor and identify issues that will need to be addressed in future WTO discussions on NTMs and undertake preliminary discussions with a view to making constructive contribution to WTO processes.
- Establish a dialogue on particular NTMs, inviting relevant experts (e.g. from WTO, OECD) to speak at MAG Meetings as part of capacity building for member economies.
- Disseminate work undertaken by various other international and regional fora.
- Explore Ecotech and facilitation activities which may assist economies in addressing NTMs.

3. Modus Operandi

- Meet three times a year in conjunction with each CTI meeting.
- Maintain a dialogue with other APEC fora on aspects of their work programs which address NTMs.
- Identify priority NTM issues that fall within the scope of other APEC fora work programs, ask those fora to include these issues in their work program, and monitor progress in addressing them.
- Liaise with other APEC fora on these priority NTM issues and report to CTI on progress.
- Recommend that CTI take responsibility of reporting back to Ministers on NTMs work progress.

TARIFFS & NON-TARIFF MEASURES 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
<p><i>Early Voluntary Liberalisation</i></p> <p>(a) <i>Identify industries in which the progressive reduction of tariffs may have positive impact on trade and on economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region, or for which there is regional industry support for early liberalisation*</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Identify industries in which the progressive reduction of non-tariff measures may have positive impact on trade and on economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region, or for which there is regional industry support for early liberalisation*</i></p> <p>(*Note: referred to elsewhere as “priority industry sectors”)</p>	<p><u>Short-term and Ongoing</u></p> <p>Collective: consider developing a list of further priority sectors for submission to Ministers as and when directed by CTI.</p> <p>Collective: develop a framework and database for reporting progress on liberalisation in tariffs and NTMs, including product specific information about tariff peaks and tariff quotas.</p> <p>Collective: follow the progress of the approved work programmes on NTMs in EVSL and consolidate the overall results of this work.</p>	<p>2000 onwards</p> <p>2000/2001</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p><i>Tariffs</i></p> <p>(c) <i>Develop and keep a computerised tariff database (APEC tariff database) and work towards establishing a database network without duplicating but rather supporting the WTO work in this area</i></p>	<p><u>Short-term and Ongoing</u></p> <p>Individual: submit current data, and any other information which is collectively agreed to be required to implement suggested enhancements by users of the APEC Tariff Database (TDB), to the Tariff Database Manager (Federal Express).</p> <p>Individual: provide regular updates of tariff information as changes occur, and provide annual updates of trade and other agreed data to the APEC database. To support WTO, provide tariff and trade data annually in accordance with WTO obligations. Non-WTO members may provide the information required as a voluntary measure.</p> <p>Collective: coordinate with SCCP to continuously review existing functions and</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
	<p>explore new enhancements with the Tariff Database Manager/other service providers to ensure the continuous development and maintenance of the APEC Tariff Database in ways that meet the needs of users.</p> <p>Collective: develop improved format for the tariffs chapter of the Individual Action Plan (IAP) for use as the electronic-IAP template for reporting progress on liberalisation in tariffs by member economies.</p> <p><u>Medium Term</u></p> <p>Collective: review the Terms of Reference of the MAG in tariffs area with a view to providing clearer guidance on the roles and functions of the group.</p> <p>Collective: undertake study in the tariffs area with respect to trade data and tariff information, including issues of particular interest to developing member economies, including issues of particular interest to developing member economies, with a view to building capacity to participate in the WTO negotiations.</p>	<p>2000</p> <p>2000 - 2005</p> <p>2000 - 2005</p>
<p><i>Non-Tariff Measures</i></p> <p><i>(d) Pursue incorporation of information on non-tariff measures into a future version of the APEC tariff database and compile a list of measures recognised as non-tariff impediments and a list of products affected by those impediments.</i></p>	<p><u>Short-term and Ongoing</u></p> <p>Individual: exchange through the CTI, and where possible make available electronically (e.g. through the APEC Secretariat's Homepage), information on non-tariff measures utilising existing WTO formats as a reference.</p> <p>Collective: examine how information on non-tariff measures can be made available on electronic or other platforms for sharing and exchange so as to help businesses to better understand member economies' trade regimes/practices.</p> <p>Collective: develop improved format for the non-tariff measures chapter of the IAP for use as the electronic-IAP template to enhance transparency of non-tariff measures and for reporting progress on their reduction.</p> <p>Collective: on the basis of information exchanged, compile a list of measures recognised as non-tariff impediments and a list of products affected by those</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2000</p> <p>2000/2001</p>

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
	<p>impediments, and examine the UNCTAD Coding System of Trade Control Measures as a possible reporting system.</p> <p><u>Medium Term</u></p> <p>Collective: develop and update the contents of the APEC database in association with other international organisations (e.g. WTO and UNCTAD).</p> <p>Collective: review the Terms of Reference of the MAG in non-tariff measures area with a view to providing clearer guidance on the roles and functions of the group.</p>	<p>2000 - 2005</p> <p>2000 - 2005</p>
<p><i>(e) Progressively reduce non-tariff measures</i></p>	<p><u>Short-term</u></p> <p>Collective: undertake a stock-take of work in the non-tariff measures area by various fora, including identifying types of non-tariff measures, with a view to intensifying work on reducing non-tariff measures.</p> <p><u>Medium to Long-term</u></p> <p>Collective: consider the possibility of adopting a work programme to progress this OAA objective.</p>	<p>2000</p> <p>2000 - 2010/2020</p>
<p><i>(f) Progressively reduce export subsidies with a view to abolishing them.</i></p>	<p><u>Short-term</u></p> <p>Individual: exchange through CTI, and where possible make available electronically (e.g. through the APEC Secretariat's Homepage), information on all export subsidies, utilising existing WTO formats as a reference. As a starting point, individual members could use their respective notifications to WTO under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.</p> <p>Collective: consider using the information collated from notifications under the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures to develop a reporting system on export subsidies so as to enhance transparency and thus facilitate trade.</p>	<p>2000 onwards</p> <p>2000/2001</p>

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
	<p><u>Medium Term</u></p> <p>Collective: discuss further measures to enhance transparency of export subsidies, building on the exchange of information among APEC members and consider what further APEC collective actions are appropriate and possible.</p> <p><u>Medium to Long-term</u></p> <p>Collective: develop approaches leading to the progressive reduction of export subsidies by members, with a view to abolishing them in support of WTO agreements.</p>	<p>2000 - 2005</p> <p>2000-2010/2020</p>
<p>(g) <i>Abolish unjustifiable export prohibitions and restrictions and endeavour to refrain from taking any such new measures.</i></p>	<p><u>Short-term</u></p> <p>Individual: exchange through CTI, and where possible make available electronically (e.g. through APEC Secretariat's Homepage), information on all export prohibitions and restrictions utilising existing WTO formats as a reference.</p> <p>Collective: consider using information collated from WTO Trade Policy Reviews of APEC members which are WTO members to develop a reporting system for export prohibitions and restrictions.</p> <p><u>Medium Term</u></p> <p>Collective: discuss further measures to enhance transparency in unjustifiable export prohibitions and restrictions, building on the exchange of information among APEC members and consider other APEC collective actions which are appropriate and possible.</p> <p><u>Medium to Long-term</u></p> <p>Collective: develop approaches leading to the progressive reduction of unjustifiable export prohibitions and restrictions by members, with a view to abolishing them.</p>	<p>2000 onwards</p> <p>2000/2001</p> <p>2000 - 2005</p> <p>2000-2010/2020</p>

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON SERVICES

1. Introduction

The Group on Services (GOS) was established by the CTI as an informal subgroup in 1997 to address the TILF tasks in the area of services as mandated in the Osaka Action Agenda and instructed by Leaders, Ministers, SOM and CTI. Since 1997, the GOS has held 13 meetings, with the last one being held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on the 17 and 18 September 2000. The current Convenor of the GOS is Prof. Connie Guang-Hwa Yang, Advisor to the Council for Economic Planning and Development, Chinese Taipei.

In addition to the continuous progress on various CAP items, including information gathering and analysis, experience sharing and transparency, the GOS completed in 2000 the development of a broader policy framework for APEC work on services, which is a task commenced in 1999 pursuant to the mandate of the CTI. The Policy Framework to be adopted takes into account the cross-cutting nature of services work and therefore facilitates better organization of APEC services work and better coordination of APEC service-related fora/subfora. To implement the Policy Framework, the GOS also accomplished Phase I of the "Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment" in 2000, which presents a better organized framework for GOS' future work and also provides concrete elements for individual member economies to adopt for advancing of their services work.

For 2001, the GOS will endeavor to develop Phases II of the Menu of Options and continue contributing, where possible and appropriate, to the WTO's work on services, particularly the on-going negotiation.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Assisted the development of service chapter template for the Prototype Individual Action Plan, which will improve information gathering and analyzing on the services section of IAPs after member economies start using the template to report their services IAPs.
- Implemented a project on the identification of measures affecting trade and investment in education services, with participation of volunteer member economies.
- Identified measures affecting trade and investment in service sectors other than education services, such as telecommunication services, tourism services, financial services and distribution services, through the process of case presentation by volunteer member economies as well as the process of consultations by the Convenor with other service related fora for issues requiring the latter's expertise, e.g. consulting with the CPD, SCCP, and TPTWG for issues of air courier services.
- Held a *Seminar of Statistical Reporting on Service Trade*, which built up the partnership between services authorities and statistic authorities of member economies and complemented the international efforts to improve statistical reporting on service trade for more accurate assessment.
- Improved the understanding of the impact of the liberalization of financial services, telecommunications, tourism services as well as services as a whole by voluntary experience sharing among member economies.
- Pursuant to CTI's instructions, supported the ongoing EVSL initiatives by completing the initial assessment on services component of the environment EVSL.
- Improved the dissemination of GOS activities-related information by better organizing the contents of the existing GOS web page on the APEC Secretariat website and providing useful links to other service-related sites, aiming to enhance transparency in services sectors.
- Supported the development of the possible APEC Trade Facilitation Principles by suggesting the elements to be incorporated therein for services trade and organizing a service-trade facilitation workshop to generate more valuable inputs.

- Monitored the development of the WTO negotiation on environmental services with an aim to assist the process where possible and appropriate.
- Contributed to the WTO's work on services as a whole by discussion of "innovation in services" and a Study on Possible Economic and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Trade in Services, both of which could enhance the capacity of developing member economies to compete effectively in global service market and therefore promote their active participation in WTO service work.
- Developed a broader policy framework (*Policy Framework for Work on Services*) to strengthen APEC's work in the service area.
- Completed Phase I of the "Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment."

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- Implement the *Policy Framework for Work on Services*.
- Complete Phase II of the Menu of Options and develop a project to support Phase III of the Menu.
- Promote the use of service chapter template of the Prototype IAPs for services IAP reporting.
- Propose a study on the impacts of service trade liberalization to developing economies in this region.
- Build up APEC support for WTO's work/negotiations on services trade.
- Continue the ongoing work under existing CAPs, including to improve the understanding of the impact of the liberalization of services trade by voluntary experience sharing among member economies.
- Explore the possible best practices in innovation in services that could help build capacity in developing economies.

4. Benefits and Beneficiary

The Policy Framework for Work on Services to be adopted will ensure that APEC's work on services, in pursuit of the Bogor goal and in compliance with Osaka Action Agenda, delivers focused and outcome-oriented results in an effective and efficient manner. Meanwhile, the Framework will build up closer inter-relationship of the GOS with other service-related fora, which will integrate different efforts in advancing APEC services work and produce coherent services work programs for APEC. On the other hand, the Framework can provide the public with a clear and comprehensive picture of APEC's work in the services area.

The GOS' Menu of Options under development will better organize the GOS' current and future work and facilitate more efficient operation of the GOS. It can also facilitate the IAP process for it will provide concrete elements for individual member economies to adopt based on the need of each economy, in advancing their work on three-pillars for service trade and investment.

The Project on the Identification of Measures Affecting Trade and Investment in Education Services will enhance transparency in the area of education services and also increase the understanding of impact on liberalization of such sector. As a result, government bodies, education services providers and recipients of education services can all benefit from the information and analysis provided in the outcome of the project.

The Seminar of Statistical Reporting on Service Trade increases dialogues between service trade and statistic authorities of member economies and promotes members' awareness of the importance of service trade statistics. It also increases transparency by directing the way to interpret services trade statistics in light of the limits current statistics have. Government bodies that are directly involved in statistics reporting and analysis as well as in service trade policy making, and private sectors, like service suppliers and consumers will all be benefited by the Seminar for its contribution to the international efforts towards better and more detailed services trade statistics.

The Study on Possible ECOTECH in the Field of Trade in Services will benefit government officials responsible for policy-making in the field of trade in services, both developed and developing economies in the APEC region. Outcomes of the study can enhance the understanding of the technological development needed by developing economies in the APEC region for their service trade.

The 2000 Service Trade Facilitation Workshop can enhance the understanding of importance of facilitation in service trade and investment. On the other hand, it will contribute to the development of APEC Trade Facilitation Principles.

All of the above collective actions can also add “APEC value” to the WTO services work for their implementation either complement on-going WTO services negotiation or work in progress or increase APEC members’ capacity for full participation in WTO process.

Enhancement of information dissemination by improving and better utilizing the GOS web page at the APEC Secretariat’s website will increase transparency and made the information flow among members more efficient. The collective action can also facilitate the dialogue of the GOS and other service-related fora to improve coordination. In addition, the service industry and general public will also benefit from the outcome for they can be better informed of the GOS work and therefore may provide feedback for GOS to reflect on.

5. 2000 Highlights

- Completion of the development of APEC Policy Framework for Work on Services;
- Implementation of the Policy Framework by holding the 1st Service Trade Facilitation Workshop in September 2000;
- Completion of Phase I of the development of the Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment;
- Identification of Measures Affecting Trade and Investment in Education Services;
- APEC Seminar of Statistical Reporting on Service Trade; and
- Study on Possible Economic and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Trade in Services.
- Enhancement of information dissemination by improving and fully utilizing the GOS web page at the APEC Secretariat website.
- Addition of CAP item, i.e., the Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation, and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment.
- Recommendation for possible inclusion into 2000 APEC Ministerial Declaration on APEC’s contribution to the WTO services.

SERVICES 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

All Sectors other than Energy, Telecommunications, Tourism, and Transportation		
Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
a. Review and exchange information on all trade and investment in services arrangements within APEC and study common elements.	Develop the Menu of Options.	Ongoing. (2000 – 2002)
b. Gather and analyze information on the services section contained within the Individual Action Plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the development of the service chapter template for Prototype IAP. • Promote the use of developed template for service IAP reporting. • Develop the Menu of Options. 	Completed. Ongoing. Ongoing (2000-2002).
c. Identification of measures affecting trade and investment in all service sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out a project on Identification of Measures Affecting Trade and Investment in Education Services. • Member economies to volunteer papers and studies in this area and consider cases of “best practices.” • Develop the Menu of Options. • Implement the Policy Framework. 	Completed. Ongoing Ongoing (2000-2002). Ongoing.
d. Compile information on services trade statistics.	Organize a Seminar of Statistical Reporting on Service Trade to examine methodological problems in the collection and use of service trade statistics as well as the different tools for gathering and analyzing of these statistics.	Completed.
e. To improve understanding of the impact of liberalization of services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member economies to present cases of their experiences on a voluntary basis aiming to generate momentum for services liberalization in light of perceived benefit of such process. • Undertake a Study on Service Trade Liberalization to Developing Economies in APEC region. 	Ongoing. Proposal currently under review and expected to be approved in 2001..
f. Study and carry out work concerning the development and adoption of common professional standards, in conjunction with professional accreditation bodies and needed legislative measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Policy Framework. • Develop the Menu of Options. 	Ongoing. Ongoing (2000-2002).
g. Pursuant to SOM instructions, GOS will provide support to the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct initial assessment on service component of the environment EVSL. 	Completed. Ongoing.

All Sectors other than Energy, Telecommunications, Tourism, and Transportation		
Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
ongoing EVSL initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monitoring the progress of the WTO work in this area and provide assistance where the need arises. 	
h. Enhance transparency in service sectors.	Improve the dissemination of GOS activities-related information by better organizing the contents of the existing GOS web page on the APEC Secretariat website and providing links to service-related websites.	Completed.
i. Continue discussion of issues related to possible APEC principles or guidelines that may be necessary to achieve free and open trade and investment in this area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide inputs in the area of service facilitation to the development of APEC Trade Facilitation Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial inputs. - Organize workshops on service trade facilitation to generate further inputs. Implement the Policy Framework. 	Completed. The first is scheduled for September 2000.
j. Monitor, and where possible and appropriate, contribute to the WTO's work on services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the WTO work on environmental services. Conduct a Study on possible Economic and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Trade in Services to foster capacity building for developing member economies to compete in global service market and consequently enhance their participation in WTO work on services. Case studies and best practice in innovation in services to help build capacity in developing economies. Implement the Policy Framework. 	Ongoing. Completed. Ongoing. Ongoing.

Note: In addition to the above existing collective actions, two important collective actions were also undertaken in 2000.

1. APEC Policy Framework for Work on Services:

GOS has endeavored to develop the Policy Framework since 1999 aiming to strengthen APEC's work on services trade. The Framework takes into account the cross-cutting nature of service work and build up a mechanism to better coordinate the work of service-related fora. It also includes all aspects of work related to liberalization, facilitation and Ecotech of service trade and investment in the region. The Framework is due for CTI's endorsement in September 2000. A pilot workshop to implement the Framework aiming at service trade facilitation is also scheduled for September 2000.

2. Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation, and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment:

The Menu of Options is developed under the Policy Framework. It represents a better organized framework for GOS' future work and provides non-binding, flexible and broad options for individual member economies to adopt in advancing their service work on three pillars. The development of the Menu encompasses three phases: Phase I to be completed in 2000, Phase II in 2001, and Phase III in 2002.

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON INVESTMENT

1. Introduction

In response to the mandate by APEC Leaders to develop a set of non-binding investment principles for APEC, CTI established the Investment Experts Group (IEG) in 1994. The group was reconvened in 1995 to provide advice to CTI on investment issues. The current Chair of IEG is Dr. Taeho Bark, Professor of Seoul National University, Korea.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Completed 5th APEC Investment Symposium
- Conducted two workshops on the Menu of Options
- Initiated discussions on start-up companies and venture capital
- Cross-reference between IAPs and Menu of Options
- Finalized the new e-IAP chapter format on investment
- Developed the Menu of Facilities offered in a one-stop agency
- Conducted briefings on members' investment regimes

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- Organize the 6th APEC Investment Symposium in Korea 2001
- Organize the 2nd APEC Investment Mart in China in 2001
- Update the Menu of Options
- Consider possible cooperation with the IMD on surveying investment environments

4. Benefit and Beneficiary

The collective actions will enhance transparency of APEC investment regimes, facilitate investment activities and promote investment liberalization. The activities also provide an opportunity for the business/private sector and government officials to exchange views on investment issues, help create better understanding of the aims and aspirations of member economies, identify means to enhance the investment environment, and promote investment flows in the region.

5. 2000 Highlights

- Conducted the 5th APEC Investment Symposium in Shanghai, China
- Completed two workshops on the Menu of Options
- Agreed to make cross-reference between IAPs and Menu of Options
- Finalized the new e-IAP chapter format on investment
- Developed the Menu of Facilities offered in a one-stop agency

INVESTMENT 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
<p>Transparency Short-term A. Increase in the short-term the transparency of APEC investment regimes by:</p> <p>(i) Updating the APEC guidebook on investment regimes;</p> <p>(ii) Establishing software networks on investment regulations and investment opportunities;</p> <p>(iii) Improving the state of statistical reporting and data collection; and</p> <p>(iv) Increase understanding among member economies on investment policy-making issues.</p>	<p>Update the Investment Guidebook</p> <p>Contribute to the work of the Trade and Investment Data Review Working Group on investment statistics.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Policy Dialogue Short-term B. Promote, in the short-term, dialogue with the APEC business community on ways to improve the APEC investment environment.</p>	<p>Update, in conjunction with ABAC, arrangements for enhanced investment protection.</p> <p>Identify mechanisms for periodic discussions with business representatives in individual member economies.</p> <p>Consult ABAC, PECC and other relevant regional business organizations.</p> <p>Request comments from these bodies on major APEC investment initiatives through inclusion of representatives of such organizations in APEC Investment Symposia.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>C. Establish, in the short-term, a dialogue with the OECD and other international fora involved in global and regional investment issues.</p>	<p>Establish a policy dialogue process with other fora, where appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider possible cooperation with the IMD on surveying investment environments. • Consider possible contributions by APEC to the WTO Working Group on Trade and Investment. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>D. Undertake an evaluation of the role of investment</p>	<p>Continue the dialogue on facilitation, cooperation and liberalization with relevant</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
<p>liberalization in economic development in the Asia-Pacific region.</p>	<p>APEC fora.</p>	
<p>E. Study possible common elements between existing subregional arrangements relevant to investment.</p>	<p>Review the investment provisions of current subregional arrangements.</p> <p>Consider further study of possible relationships between these provisions in the future.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>1999 onwards</p>
<p>Medium-term F. Refine, in the medium-term, APEC's understanding of free and open investment.</p>	<p>Assess evolving elements of global investment disciplines and policy debate with a view to reaching agreement on the endpoint objective for APEC investment liberalization.</p>	<p>Medium-term</p>
<p>Long-term G. Assess, in the long-term, the merits of developing an APEC-wide discipline on investment in the light of APEC's own progress through the medium-term, as well as developments in other international fora.</p>	<p>To be determined in the light of progress with policy dialogue in the medium-term.</p>	<p>Long-term</p>
<p>Facilitation Short-term and continuing H. Undertake practical facilitation initiatives by:</p> <p>(i) Progressively working towards reducing impediments to investments;</p> <p>(ii) Undertake the Business Facilitation Measures to Strengthen APEC Economies; and</p> <p>(iii) To initiate investment promotion and facilitation activities to enhance investment flow within APEC economies.</p>	<p>Drawing on business and other advice, identify possible areas for improved practices.</p> <p>Conduct the 5th APEC Investment Symposium.</p> <p>Conduct the 6th APEC Investment Symposium.</p> <p>Conduct the 2nd APEC Investment Mart.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>2001</p> <p>2001</p>
<p>Economic and Technical Cooperation Short-term I. Identify, in the short-term, ongoing technical cooperation needs in the Asia-Pacific region and organize training programs, which will assist APEC economies in fulfilling APEC investment</p>	<p>Identify target areas for technical cooperation including 'best practice' policy/administrative frameworks.</p> <p>Conduct training programs for officials related to investment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coordinate efforts with other relevant 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
objectives.	<p>bodies involved in technical cooperation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an annual exchange of experience program for APEC investment officials and private sector; • 2nd and 3rd Workshops for APEC investment/trade officials to understand and be informed of the Menu of Options for investment liberalization and business facilitation; and • a seminar on Start-up Companies and Venture Capital. 	<p>1999 onwards</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>2000</p>
<p>Capacity Building Initiatives</p> <p>J. Undertake new activities that contribute to capacity building</p>	<p>Identify the elements of capacity building to strengthen the economies of APEC member economies and undertake the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for trade and investment liberalization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A study/studies on the impact of EVSL on investment; - Based on the findings of the study/studies, identify the challenges and the opportunities EVSL presents to local and foreign investors; and - Identify and implement assistance/strategic measures so that member economies can build confidence and the capacity to sustain their development agenda for mutual benefit. <p>Develop the Menu of Facilities offered by a One Stop Agency.</p> <p>Developing guidelines for the Workplan to create good investment climates in APEC member economies.</p>	<p>1999 onwards</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Menu of Options</p> <p>K. Ongoing improvement of the Menu of Options.</p>	<p>Cross-reference between the IAPs and Menu of Options.</p> <p>Update the Menu of Options to expand the option on ‘intellectual property rights’.</p> <p>Include ‘technology transfer’ as a new option in the Menu of Options.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2000/2001</p> <p>2000/2001</p>

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE

1. Introduction

Recognizing that standards and conformance was a priority area for the realization of APEC's goals, APEC Ministers established the Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC) in November 1994. SCSC's major objectives are to: (a) align members' mandatory and voluntary standards with international standards; (b) achieve recognition of conformity assessment in regulated and voluntary sectors; (c) promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development; and (d) ensure the transparency of the standards and conformity assessment of APEC economies. The 2000 SCSC Chair is Pg Hj Matusin Matasan, Surveyor General, Ministry of Development, Brunei Darussalam.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Conducted a comprehensive review of member economies' alignment work.
- Developed, with the Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs), a Statement of Commitment to Mutually Agreed Objectives between the SCSC and the SRBs.
- Participated in the Partners for Progress (PFP) project on standards and conformity assessment schemes.
- Undertook the following technical infrastructure development projects:
 - Training/Seminar on ISO/IEC Guides 65 & 62; and
 - Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) Readiness Project.
- Implemented the following projects under the technical infrastructure program on the Integrated Approach to Enhanced Food Control Systems:
 - Workshops in Food/Drug Interface; and
 - Training Program on Food Risk Analysis.
- Endorsed the template for regulatory profile on food/drug interface.
- Updated the APEC Contact Points for Standards and Conformance Information, including member economies' Contact Points and participants in the SRBs.
- Completed the 2000 TILF Project on Food Labeling Laws, Regulations and Standards in APEC Member Economies.
- Held a forum in conjunction with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).
- Sent a representative to Special OECD Meeting on Technical Barriers to Trade in Paris in March 2000.
- Recommended the revisions to the OAA Guidelines and drafted an IAP Template for the standards and conformance area.
- Re-examined SCSC's Terms of Reference and undertook a review of the mandates.

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the additional priority areas related to standards and guides on conformity assessment and management systems by 2002/2005.
- Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the additional priority area related to safety of information technology equipment (IEC 60950 standard) by 2004/2008.
- The SCSC will continue to investigate means of enhancing regulatory practices in the APEC region through a program of case studies and seminars.
- Member economies to consider participation in Part I of the APEC Electrical and Electronic MRA through providing information in the agreed common format.
- Member economies to consider participation in further Parts of the MRA and encourage the involvement of their regulators.
- The SCSC to revise the Mid-term Technical Infrastructure Development Program in 2001.

- Member economies to implement the following technical infrastructure development projects:
 - APEC Speakers' Bureau on Standard-Based Management Systems;
 - APMP Expert Training to Assist Participation in Global MRA in Measurement Standards;
 - Promoting the Active Participation in the APEC-MRAs; and
 - APLMF Training Project on Rice Moisture Measurement.
- The SCSC to compile member economies' regulatory profile and further develop a program to follow-up the project on Workshops on Food/Drug Interface.
- Member economies to implement the program on trade facilitation in information technology products which has been developed in collaboration with the Information Technology Industries Council (ITI).
- Member economies to pursue closer cooperation with SRBs in line with a Statement of Commitment.
- The SCSC to hold a dialogue with the European Commission (EC) on technical issues of mutual interest in the area of standards and conformance in 2001.
- The SCSC to cooperate with the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Development of APEC Principles on Trade Facilitation.

4. Benefits and Beneficiary

Alignment with international standards as well as networks of recognition arrangements contribute to expanding regional trade and investment flows by reducing unnecessary costs and time-consuming delays associated with differences in standards and conformance in the APEC region.

5. Highlights of TILF Outcomes in 2000

- Agreed to the Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulation and the Information Notes on Good Practice for Technical Regulation.
- [Developed a work program on trade facilitation in information technology products in collaboration with the Information Technology Industries Council (ITI).]
- Conducted comprehensive review of member economies' alignment work. As of 1 January 2000, already five economies had completely aligned their standards with 41 selected international standards in the four priority areas.
- Review of the APEC Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program is currently being conducted and will be completed prior to the first SCSC meeting in 2001.
- Held the 3rd APEC Conference on Standards and Conformance in September 2000. SCSC will consider the proposals made at the Conference in evaluating current programs and for initiating future work program, including discussions by SCSC on implementation issues within the WTO Committees on TBT and SPS.
- Implemented the APEC Experts-Trainers-Executives Workshop on International Quality Assurance System for SME Competitiveness (IQAS II project) and published the *Standard-Based Management for Enterprise Competitiveness Handbook*.
- Published a *Report on Food Labeling Laws, Regulations and Standards in APEC Member Economies*.

STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

OAA Objectives	Actions	Time frame
1. Alignment		
APEC economies will align their mandatory and voluntary standards with international standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the following priority areas: electrical and electronic appliances (air conditioners, televisions, refrigerators, radios and their parts and video apparatus); food labeling; rubber gloves and condoms; and machinery. • Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the additional priority area of electrical and electronic equipment to include all electrical safety (IEC 60335) and relevant EMC (CISPR) standards. • Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the additional priority area related to safety of information technology equipment (IEC 60950 standard). • Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the additional priority areas related to standards and guides on conformity assessment and management systems. • The SCSC to continue identifying additional priority areas for alignment with international standards. • Member economies to actively participate in the standardization activities of international standardization bodies (ISO & IEC) in the following priority sectors: building and construction and hazardous area equipment. • Member economies to participate in <i>ad-hoc</i> technical groups, which work with PASC in developing coordinated regional input into the development of international standards in selected areas. • The SCSC to develop <i>the Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulation</i>. • The SCSC to develop <i>Information Notes on Good Practice for Technical Regulations</i>. • The SCSC to convene an Ad Hoc Working Group meeting on Good Regulatory Practice. • The SCSC will continue to investigate means of enhancing regulatory practices in the APEC region through a program of case studies and seminars. 	<p style="text-align: center;">1996 to 2000/2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1998 to 2004/2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2000 to 2004/2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2000 to 2002/2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From 1997</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From 1996</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From 1997</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Completed 2000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Completed 2000 February, May and September 2000 From 2000</p>
APEC economies will conduct a comprehensive review of progress on alignment with international standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCSC to conduct comprehensive reviews of their alignment work. • The SCSC to develop a common format for reporting on progress of alignment with international standards in accordance with the revised ISO/IEC Guide 21 • Member economies to update each year the results in their respective alignment plans. These will be placed on the APEC Secretariat's homepage. 	<p style="text-align: center;">2000 and 2005 Completed 2000 Completed 1999</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From 1998</p>

OAA Objectives	Actions	Time frame
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member economies to continue to report on the progress in aligning their standards with international standards The SCSC to agree to the program of comprehensive review to be undertaken in 2000. 	<p>From 1998</p> <p>Completed 1999</p>
2. Recognition of Conformity Assessment		
<p>Achieve mutual recognition among APEC economies of conformity assessment in regulated and voluntary sectors.</p>	<p>Regulated sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member economies to develop recognition arrangements of conformity assessment including bilateral, multi-sectoral, and plurilateral mutual recognition arrangements. Member economies to consider participation in the <i>Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Toy Safety</i> and encourage the involvement of their regulators. The SCSC to improve the effectiveness of the <i>Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Toy Safety</i> Member economies to consider participation in the <i>APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Foods and Food Products</i>. The SCSC to develop an APEC mutual recognition arrangement on conformity assessment of electrical and electronic equipment. Member economies to consider participation in Part I of the <i>APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Electrical and Electronic Equipment</i> through providing information in the agreed common format. Member economies to consider participation in further Parts of the MRA and encourage the involvement of their regulators. The SCSC to develop <i>Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Food Recall and Food Recall Guidelines</i>. Member economies to consider participation in the <i>APEC Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Food Recalls</i>. The SCSC to review the implementation and use of the mutual recognition arrangements. The SCSC to continue to further consider additional priority areas for MRA in the regulated sector. The SCSC to consider alternative mechanisms to facilitate the recognition of conformity assessment results. <p>Voluntary sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member economies to enter into mutual recognition agreements (bilateral and multilateral) in cooperation with Specialist Regional Bodies, where applicable. Member economies to encourage participation in APLAC-MRA and PAC MRA. 	<p>From 1997</p> <p>From 1996 (15 economies)</p> <p>From 1999</p> <p>From 1997 (6 economies)</p> <p>Completed 1999</p> <p>From 2000 (13 economies in Part I)</p> <p>From 2000</p> <p>Completed 1999</p> <p>From 1999 (2 economies)</p> <p>From 1998</p> <p>From 1997</p> <p>From 1999</p> <p>1996 to 2000/2005</p> <p>From 1998</p>

OAA Objectives	Actions	Time frame
3. Technical Infrastructure Development		
Promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development to facilitate broad participation in mutual recognition arrangements in both regulated and voluntary sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member economies to identify specific requirements, assistance and/or activities for technical infrastructure development. • Member economies to consider the provision of assistance for the improvement of other economies' technical infrastructure. • Member economies to undertake specific follow-on activities from among those recommended in the Report of the Survey on Technical Infrastructure Development for Measurement Standards, Laboratory Management and Accreditation. 	<p>From 1996</p> <p>From 1996</p> <p>From 1998</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member economies to undertake the following technical infrastructure projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training Seminar on ISO/IEC Guides 65 & 62; - Mutual Recognition Arrangement(MRA) Readiness Project; - Joint HRD WG/SCSC IQAS II project; - APEC Speakers' Bureau on Standard-Based Management Systems; - Quality Systems for Calibration Services at National Measurement Institutes; - APMP Expert Training to Assist Participation in Global MRA in Measurement Standards; - Promoting Active Participation in the APEC-MRAs; and - APLMF Training Project on Rice Moisture Measurement. • The SCSC to conduct reviews of the mid-term Technical Infrastructure Development Program implementation. • The SCSC to revise the Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program. • Member economies to strengthen participation in Specialist Regional Bodies activities. • Member economies to support and actively participate in APEC Conferences on Standards and Conformance. • Member economies to support and actively participate in Roundtable Meetings with the Specialist Regional Bodies. • Member economies to participate in Partners for Progress (PFP) projects on standards and conformity assessment schemes. • The SCSC to cooperate with the HRDWG in designing and providing a training program for HRD in International Quality Assurance Systems. • The SCSC to send a representative to the NCSL Conference 	<p>From 1999</p> <p>First three projects completed</p> <p>Review to be completed prior to the first SCSC meeting in 2001</p> <p>2001</p> <p>From 1996</p> <p>1st Conference completed 1996</p> <p>2nd Conference completed 1998</p> <p>3rd Conference completed September 2000</p> <p>1st Roundtable completed in 1997</p> <p>1996-2000</p> <p>IQAS I project completed 1997</p> <p>Completed 1999</p>

OAA Objectives	Actions	Time frame
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member economies to develop and participate in two workshops in food/drug interface and training programs on food risk analysis under the technical infrastructure program on Integrated Approach to Enhanced Food Control Systems. The SCSC to endorse the template for regulatory profile on food/drug interface. The SCSC to compile member economies' regulatory profile and further develop a program to follow-up the project on Workshops on Food/Drug Interface. 	<p>Completed 2000</p> <p>Completed 2000</p> <p>From 2000</p>
4. Transparency		
Ensure the transparency of the standards and conformity assessment of APEC economies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member economies to update <i>the APEC Contact Points for Standards and Conformance Information</i>, including member economies' participants in the Specialist Regional Bodies and member economies SCSC Contact Points. Member economies agreed that this information should be maintained on the APEC Secretariat's homepage. Member economies to endeavor to establish Internet websites to disseminate standards and conformance information. Member economies to help carry out a TILF project to compile and publish information on food labeling laws, regulations and standards in the APEC region. Member Economies to develop a database on conformity assessment operators and their activities/services offered and establish an APEC Cooperation Center for Conformity Assessment. 	<p>From 1997</p> <p>From 1997</p> <p>From 1998 The initial project completed in 1999. The follow-up project completed in 2000</p> <p>From 1999</p>
Cross-Cutting Activities		
5. Closer Links with the Business Sector		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SCSC to develop a work program on trade facilitation in information technology products in response to a proposal from the Information Technology Industry Council. Member economies to implement the program on trade facilitation in information technology products which has been developed in collaboration with the Information Technology Industry Council. 	<p>Completed 2000</p> <p>From 2000</p>
6. Cooperation with Specialist Regional Bodies		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SCSC to develop, with the Specialist Regional Bodies, <i>a Statement of Commitment to Mutually Agreed Objectives between the SCSC and the Specialist Regional Bodies</i>. Member economies to pursue closer cooperation with the Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs) in line with <i>a Statement of Commitment to Mutually Agreed Objectives between the SCSC and the SRBs</i>. 	<p>Completed 2000</p> <p>From 2000</p>

OAA Objectives	Actions	Time frame
7. Cooperation with International Bodies		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCSC to hold a forum in conjunction with IEC. • The SCSC to monitor and discuss implementation issues within the WTO Committees on the TBT and SPS. • The SCSC to hold a dialogue with the European Commission on technical issues of mutual interest in the area of standards and conformance. • The SCSC to send a representative to OECD Special Meeting on Technical Barriers to Trade in Paris. 	<p>Completed February 2000 Ongoing</p> <p>2001</p> <p>Completed March 2000</p>
8. Individual Action Plan		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCSC to recommend the revisions to the OAA guidelines and draft the IAP Template for the standards and conformance area. 	Completed 2000
9. Cooperation with Other APEC Fora		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCSC to cooperate with the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Development of APEC Principles on Trade Facilitation. 	From 2000
10. Review of SCSC Mandate		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCSC to re-examine its Terms of Reference and undertake a review of the mandate. 	Completed 2000

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

1. Introduction

The CTI Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) was established in 1994 in response to the priority which APEC Ministers accorded to harmonizing and simplifying customs procedures in order to facilitate trade between APEC economies. The SCCP's Terms of Reference, including a new mandate, has been submitted for endorsement by APEC Ministers in November 2000. The Chair of SCCP for 1999 is Pengiran Hj Naserudin bin Pengiran Hj Tejudin, Deputy Controller, Royal Customs & Excise Department, Brunei Darussalam.

Since 1995, with the development of the SCCP's guiding principles and its Collective Action Plans (CAP) work programme and supported by a comprehensive framework for technical assistance programme, much progress has been made to-date. The SCCP's technical assistance framework comprise multi-year assistance programmes which include training sessions, workshops, conferences and on-site visits to assist members in their implementation of its CAP elements.

The SCCP had two meetings in 2000: March and September. In 2000, the focus for the SCCP has been ensuring the continuity and building upon the on-going work of the Subcommittee, taking into account the changes in the trading environment. In particular, the SCCP has included "paperless trading" as its new Collective Action Plan. The SCCP has also embarked on a timely task of developing an assessment approach to measure the effectiveness of its work programme, in particular its technical assistance programmes, which was first developed five years ago. In addition, the SCCP has developed plans to improve the levels of "Integrity" in Customs Administrations, a collective action newly introduced last year. The SCCP has also continued to engage the private sector in some of its activities to ensure that its work remains relevant and plans to maintain and expand such partnerships.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Completed a comprehensive multi-year technical assistance programme for member economies in the following CAP items by the agreed target date of 2000:
 - WTO Valuation Agreement
 - WTO TRIPS Agreement
 - Clear Appeals Provisions
 - Advance Classification Rulings
 - Temporary Importation
- Continued to implement SCCP's multi-year technical assistance programmes of its existing and new CAP items, including to assist the new SCCP members in their implement of the various CAPs items.
- Developing an action plan, including a survey to identify the level of paper documents each customs administration use and the progress towards automation to promote "paperless trading".
- Developing an action plan in the area of customs "integrity" which was elevated as a CAP item last year. As start, conducting a stock-take of current activities in the area.
- Developing a framework to evaluate the implementation of the SCCP CAPs, in particular the multi-year technical assistance programmes as well as to identify future requirements.
- Developed and agreed on the customs procedures chapter of the Individual Action Plan (IAP) for use in the electronic-IAP (e-IAP) template for reporting by member economies.
- Published the *SCCP Blueprint for 2000 – Meeting the Challenges of Modern Business Environment*.

- Provided updates on relevant tariffs, customs-related information and other agreed data to APEC Tariff Database (TDB) Manager.
- Revised and renewed the SCCP's Terms of Reference for another three-year term.

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- Broadened the work programme and elevated "paperless trading" as a new SCCP CAP item in 2000.
- Developing action plans on customs "Integrity", including a stock-take of activities. Each member economy will develop a Code of Conduct as an early deliverable. To conduct Integrity Self Assessment Workshop to assist economies in the development of Integrity Improvement Action Plans.
- Participating in the work of the CTI Ad Hoc Task Force on Trade Facilitation and provided some proposed elements on the issue area.
- Developing a new and simplified generic template for updating and presenting the APEC Tariff Database to facilitate both users and data providers (member economies).
- Established a working group to look into the work on an effective outreach programme.

4. Benefits and Beneficiary

The work of the SCCP has an immediate and tangible effect on the costs of cross-border transactions. Specifically, the comprehensive work programme of the SCCP to simplify and harmonise customs procedures would provide greater transparency, predictability and fairness for traders in the region. The SCCP's work to simplify and computerize the customs processes would result in speedier and more certain clearance of goods which would result in lowering of costs of doing business in the region, in particular for the SMEs. The work by the SCCP also increases the efficiency, coordination and integrity of the customs administrations in the region and will ultimately lead to time and cost savings as well as increased revenue collection by administrations.

5. 2000 Highlights

- Completed a number of comprehensive multi-year technical assistance programmes on Valuation, TRIPS, Clear Appeals Provisions, Advance Classification Ruling and Temporary Importation aimed at assisting members in their implementation of these CAP items by the agreed target date of 2000.
- Broadened the SCCP's CAP to include "Paperless Trading" and is conducting a survey to measure the level of paper documents used by APEC Customs Administrations.
- Developing an assessment/evaluation framework to measure the implementation of the SCCP collective action plans
- Developed and agreed on an improved format for the Customs Procedures chapter in connection with the newly developed e-IAP system.
- Published the *SCCP Blueprint for 2000 – Meeting the Challenges of Modern Business Environment*.
- Developing action plans to improve the level of "integrity" in Customs Administrations, which was elevated as a CAP item last year.
- Revised and renewed the SCCP Terms of Reference for another three-year mandate.

TABLE I : SCCP COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES¹

<p>1. Harmonization of Tariff Structure with the HS Convention To ensure consistency of application, certainty and a level playing field for business through the HS Convention, the standard international harmonized system for the classification of goods.</p>
<p>2. Public Availability of Information on Customs Laws, Regulations, Administrative Guidelines and Rulings provided to the business sector on an ongoing basis. To ensure traders have access to all the pertinent information for business decisions through the provision of accurate, consistent and user-friendly information to business on an ongoing basis.</p>
<p>3. Simplification and Harmonization on the Basis of the Kyoto Convention To improve efficiency in customs clearance and the delivery of goods in order to benefit importers, exporters and manufacturers through simplified customs procedures and best practices.</p>
<p>4. Adoption and Support for the UN/EDIFACT/Paperless Trading To use the standard UN electronic messaging format for automated systems, the United Nations/Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport, to promote an electronic highway for business.</p>
<p>5. Adoption of the Principles of the WTO Valuation Agreement To facilitate administration of the World Trade Organization's Valuation Agreement on standard</p>
<p>6. Adoption of the Principles of the WTO Intellectual Property (TRIPS) Agreement To implement border enforcement procedures for protecting intellectual property rights.</p>
<p>7. Introduction of Clear Appeals Provision To provide business with an opportunity to challenge potentially erroneous or inequitable Customs decisions through mechanisms for transparent, independent and timely appeals.</p>
<p>8. Introduction of an Advance Classification Ruling System To establish simplified procedures for providing classification information prior to importation, thus bringing certainty and predictability to international trading and helping traders to make sound business decisions based</p>
<p>9. Provisions for Temporary Importation, e.g., acceding to the A.T.A. Carnet Convention or the Istanbul Convention To help business move goods such as commercial samples, professional equipment, tools of trade and exhibition material across borders with a high degree of certainty as to how these goods will be treated by Customs by having standard procedures for admitting goods on a temporary basis.</p>
<p>10. Harmonized APEC Data Elements To develop a comprehensive directory supported in UN/EDIFACT which includes a simplified "core set" of data elements, largely derived from commercially available data, that would satisfy the standard data requirements of the majority of APEC trade transactions and so facilitate the exchange of information and provide a foundation for common forms and electronic commerce.</p>
<p>11. Risk Management Techniques To focus Customs enforcement efforts on high-risk goods and travellers and facilitate the movement of low-risk shipments, through a flexible approach tailored to each APEC economy.</p>
<p>12. Guidelines on Express Consignments Clearance To implement principles contained in the WCO Guidelines on Express Consignment Clearance, the international standard procedures for clearance of express goods, working in partnership with express industry associations.</p>
<p>13. Integrity To raise level of integrity in Customs Administrations.</p>

¹ Note: Associations and business groups are invited to participate in work related to the above. For more information, please consult the SCCP Homepage (<http://www.sccp.org>), the guidelines presented in the Appendix, or contact the SCCP Chair or a local SCCP member.

TABLE 2: SCCP Collective Action Plan Implementation Schedule²

	HS Convention	Public Availability of Information ♦	Kyoto Convention	Paperless Trading	WTO Valuation Agreement	TRIPS	Clear Appeal Provisions	Advance Classification Ruling System	Temporary Importations	Common Data Elements	Risk Management	Express Consignments Clearance	Customs Integrity
Plan Coordinators	Japan	HK, China Singapore	New Zealand Japan	Australia	Canada USA	USA	Canada Philippines	New Zealand Korea	USA Chinese Taipei	Canada Australia	Australia USA	USA China	Australia HK,China
Target Dates	1996/2002	1998	1998*	♥	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	♥	2002	2000	♥
Australia	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Brunei	✓	✓	*		2000	✓	2000	2000	2000		2002	2000	
Canada	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Chile	✓	✓	*		2000	2000	✓	✓	2000		✓	✓	
China	✓	✓	✓		+	✓	✓	✓	✓		2002	✓	
HK,China	✓	✓	*		N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓		✓	✓	
Indonesia	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2002	2000	
Japan	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Korea	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2002	✓	
Malaysia	✓	✓	*		✓	2000	✓	✓	✓		2002	✓	
Mexico	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2002	2000	
New Zealand	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2002	2000	
PNG	✓	✓	*		✓	2000	2000	2000	2000		2002	2000	
Peru													
Philippines	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2002	2000	
Russia													
Singapore	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Chinese Taipei	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓	2000		2002	2000	
Thailand	✓	✓	*		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2001	✓	
USA	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Viet Nam													

Legend			
✓	Implemented	*	actual implementation date subject to progress in the WCO
♦	Improving public availability of information is an on-going process	♥	On-going process
+	Actual implementation date subject to China's accession to WTO	N/A	not applicable

² Peru, Russia and Vietnam are to be included in the CAP implementation schedule. These economies have been APEC members-designate and observers since January 1998 and will become full members of APEC at the November 1998 Economic Leaders' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

For each CAP item, the level of implementation will vary among Customs Administrations. For the most recent additions to the CAP (common data elements, risk management and express consignments clearance), although the implementation date is shown as the target date, some economies have already implemented the item in full or in part. All member economies will have implemented the CAP item to varying degrees by the target date.

* With the entry into force of HS2002 version for 1 January 2002, the new target date is now set 2002.

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

1. Introduction

The Intellectual Property Rights Experts Group (IPEG) held 2 meetings in Sapporo, Japan and Cheju, Korea on March 2-3 and July 12-13 2000 respectively. The meetings delivered a number of outcomes.

2. Collective Action Achieved

- **Joint Statement on the WTO/TRIPS Agreement Implementation:** The IPEG members agreed on the draft of the Joint Statement on the WTO/TRIPS Agreement Implementation and it was adapted with some modifications at the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade held in June 2000.
- **Endorsement of the WIPO Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Well-known marks:** Taking account of the proposal by International Trademark Association (INTA), the IPEG members endorsed the WIPO Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Well-known marks and the text of the Recommendation by APEC/IPEG concerning the Protection of Well-known marks was agreed in March 2000.
- **APEC/IPEG Separate Meeting on IPR Enforcement:** APEC/IPEG Separate Meeting on IPR Enforcement was held to exchange information relating IPR enforcement issues information related information between the private and public sector in July 2000.
- **APEC/Partners for Progress (PFP) project:** The IPEG members continued their training program on the Management of Industrial Property Rights. The 5th APEC/PFP course will be held in Thailand from 6 November to 1 December 2000. Guests from Laos and Cambodia will participate in the course.

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- **A proposal for a range of best-practice for technical cooperation:** Best-practice for technical cooperation will be sought to bring about full and sustained implementation of the WTO/TRIPS Agreement and ensure the development of necessary skills in all APEC economies.
- **Program on Public Education and Awareness:** The IPEG members will undertake greater cooperation within the APEC region on the planning, development and delivery of public education programs concerning IP.
- **Overhaul of the CAP:** The new CAP is yet to be finalized. Discussion on new CAP will be continued in the IPEG.

4. Benefit and Beneficiary

- Commitment of APEC economies concerning the TRIPS agreement implementation and technical cooperation was reconfirmed.
- The protection level of well-known marks will be raised to a certain level and the transparency of the protection will be enhanced.
- Information exchange between the private and public sector will promote effective and efficient IPR enforcement.
- Human resources will be developed by providing knowledge needed to administer the IP system including such areas as enforcement, public awareness activities and the usage of IP information.

5. 2000 Highlights

- The Joint Statement on the WTO/TRIPS Agreement Implementation was adapted at the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade held in June 2000
- The IPEG members endorsed the WIPO Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Well-known marks
- APEC/IPEG Separate Meeting on IPR Enforcement was held to exchange information relating IPR enforcement issues between the private and public sector in July 2000

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON COMPETITION POLICY AND DEREGULATION

1. Introduction

The work areas on competition policy and deregulation have been combined since early 1996 because of the linkages between the deregulation and competition policy agendas. Following the announcement to the CTI at SOM III in Rotorua that New Zealand was stepping down as Convenor and after consultations with the member economies, Peru received the support to commence as the new Convenor for both the Competition Policy and Deregulation Group.

APEC Leaders endorsed last year in Auckland, the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform, recognizing the strategic importance of developing competition principles to support the strengthening of markets in order to ensure and sustain growth in the region considering the diverse circumstances of economies. The Leaders considered that comprehensiveness, transparency, non discrimination and accountability are principles that provide a framework linking all aspects of economic policy that affect the functioning of markets. According to that declaration, the Competition Policy and Deregulation Group has considered within its work program its role in the implementation of these principles and in the improving of its understanding at all the different levels within the APEC process.

The main focus of the short-term and ongoing objectives of the Competition Policy CAP, is to promote information sharing, dialogue and study on competition policy/laws and their enforcement, and their inter-relationship with other policies related to trade and investment, and to increase the transparency of existing competition policies. It was recognized that these actions are important first steps in building a common understanding of competition policy within APEC.

In the short-term, the main focus of the Deregulation CAP is to promote information sharing and dialogue, and increase the transparency of existing regulatory regimes and regulatory reform processes. Transparency in regulatory regimes and the elimination of trade impeding or unnecessarily restrictive regulations are the key objectives of APEC work in the deregulation area.

Nearly all actions defined in the matrix are collective, in the sense that the objectives can only be achieved collectively, or are dependent on information sharing processes. Where longer-term objectives have been defined, steps to implement these will be considered as the policy dialogue develops.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Continued dialogue, information exchange and study of competition policy, competition laws, their enforcement and their interrelationship with other policies related to trade and investment. This was advanced through the:
 - annual Workshop on Competition Policy and Deregulation during SOM II in Bandar Seri Begawan;
 - dialogue with PECC on the next logical steps in capacity building and technical assistance for the implementation of the Competition Principles;
 - coordination of the Competition Policy and Deregulation Chapters for the Prototype Individual Action Plan Project;
 - participation in the *Ad-Hoc* Task Force on the Development of APEC Principles on Trade Facilitation;
 - coordination with the Group on Services regarding issues related to the understanding and implementation of APEC Principles on common work areas between both groups; and
 - further development of the competition policy and law Internet database.
- Continuation of training activities, for example through the following events:
 - APEC Partners for Progress seminar on competition policy was held in Bangkok on March 2000; and
- Maintenance of dialogue with other international organizations considering trade and competition policy and law issues. For example through the:
 - discussion of a proposal for APEC-OECD Co-Operation on Regulatory Reform 2000-2001; and

- development of an APEC Seminar on Investment and Competition organized by Japan and Peru on August.

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

A major focus of the CAP will continue to be information sharing, dialogue and study on competition policy/laws. It is anticipated that further collective actions will be defined as policy dialogue develops. This year, the main outcomes from the workshop were the following:

- Discussion on APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform considering effective ways to implement them.
- Support for the joint APEC-OECD Co-Operative Initiative in the field of Regulatory Reform.
- Dialogue with PECC on the next logical steps in capacity building and technical assistance for the implementation of the Competition Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform within the APEC region.

In the next one or two years, we envisage that work will focus on the implementation of APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform through the development of projects oriented toward effective ways to implement them. At the same time, the work will focus on deepening the dialogue with other APEC Fora and Subfora on the understanding and reporting of the implementation of APEC Principles.

In view of this, it is proposed that in 2001, a Workshop on Competition Policy and Deregulation will be held to consider the future work program for the group.

4. Benefits and Beneficiaries

The information exchanged and policy dialogue in this area facilitates transparency in regional competition laws and policies. With this regard, the competition policy and law Internet database provides free information to the business community, officials and academics.

At the same time, the endorsement of the APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform by CTI provides a template for future work by APEC in developing competition policies and applying competition principles and frameworks across all sectors of APEC member economies. The shape and direction of this work is the subject of discussions within the Competition Policy and Deregulation Group, as well as with other APEC fora, and outside organizations such as the OECD and PECC.

The implementation of the joint program for APEC-OECD Co-Operation with the development of seminars will enforce the Road Map Initiative on "Strengthening Markets" through the continued dialogue and sharing of experiences among economies from both foras dealing with the challenges of regulatory reform.

5. 2000 Highlights

- Information exchange and deepened policy dialogue on the region's competition laws and policies.
- 4th APEC Partners for Progress seminar on Competition Policy was held in Bangkok on 14-16 March 2000.
- The 2000 APEC Workshop on Competition Policy and Deregulation was held in Bandar Seri Begawan on 27-28 May 2000.
- Development of an APEC-OECD Joint Co-Operation Program on Regulatory Reform for 2000-2001.
- APEC Economic Legal Infrastructure Symposium was held in Jakarta on 20-21 July.
- APEC Seminar on WTO issues (Investment and Competition) was held in Lima on 23 August 2000.
- APEC SME Workshop will be held in Tokyo on 5-8 September.
- Further development of the APEC Competition Law and Policy Internet Database.

COMPETITION POLICY 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
<p>a) Gather information and promote dialogue on and study, starting from 1996:</p> <p>i) The objectives, necessity, role and operation of each APEC economy's competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures, thereby establishing a database on competition policy;</p> <p>ii) Competition policy issues that impact on trade and investment flows in the Asia-Pacific region;</p> <p>iii) Areas for technical assistance and the modalities thereof, including exchange and training programs for officials in charge of competition policy, taking into account the availability of resources; and</p> <p>iv) The interrelationship between competition policy and/or laws and other policies related to trade and investment;</p>	<p>A. Collective action: Continue policy dialogue and information exchange and study on competition policy, competition laws and their enforcement and their interrelationship with other policies related to trade and investment, including through further workshops if members so decide.</p> <p>B. Individual economies: To provide further information on their competition policies, competition laws and their enforcement, thereby enhancing transparency and contributing to the development and enhancement of the APEC database on competition law and policy.</p> <p>C. Individual economies to seek technical assistance and/or consider providing training programs with a view to sharing their experience in operating competition policies and laws with others.</p> <p>D. Complete the study on the advantages and disadvantages of competition law for developing economies.</p>	<p>Started 1996</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed 1999</p>
<p>b) Deepen competition policy dialogue between APEC economies and relevant international organizations;</p>	<p>A. Collective action: maintain dialogue with other international organizations considering competition policy and law issues.</p> <p>B. Collective action: continue to respond positively to interest by the WTO Working Group on the Interaction Between Trade and Competition Policy in sharing information on APEC's competition policy/deregulation work, in accordance with the mandate given by APEC Trade Ministers.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>c) Continue to develop understanding in the APEC business community of competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures;</p>	<p>Collective action: Individual economies to further develop dialogue with the business community on competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures.</p>	<p>Short-term</p>
<p>d) Encourage cooperation among the competition authorities of APEC economies with regard to information exchange, notification and consultation;</p>	<p>A. Collective action: consider further actions for promoting cooperation among competition authorities.</p> <p>B. Individual economies to list and update contact points of competition authorities no later than 1 January 2000 with a view to information exchange, consultation and communication where deemed necessary.</p>	<p>Short-term</p>

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
e) Contribute to the use of trade and competition laws, policies and measures that promote free and open trade, investment and competition; and	Collective action to be considered as policy dialogue develops.	Short-term
f) Consider developing non-binding principles on competition policy and/or laws in APEC.	<p>A. Collective action is to establish a set of non-binding APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform.</p> <p>B. Individual Economies: Action orientated undertakings directed to the implementation of the competition principles by APEC Fora and Subfora.</p> <p>C. Collective action to be considered as policy dialogue develops.</p>	<p>September 1999</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

DEREGULATION 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
(a) Publish annual reports detailing actions taken by APEC economies to deregulate their domestic regulatory regimes.	Individual economies agreed that this would occur within their IAP to report on reforms to their domestic regulatory regimes and to update such reports annually.	Starting 1996
<p>(b) Develop further actions taking into account the above reports, including:</p> <p>i) Policy dialogue on APEC economies' experiences in regard to best practices in deregulation, including the use of individual case studies to assist in the design and implementation of deregulatory measures, and consideration of further options for a work program which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identification of common priority areas and sectors for deregulation; - provision of technical assistance in designing and implementing deregulation measures; and - examination of the possibility of establishing APEC guidelines on domestic regulation. 	<p>A. Collective action: take stock of information already gathered in APEC on regulatory regimes and regulatory reform with a view to identifying common experiences, and technical assistance needs and availability.</p> <p>B. Collective action: promote dialogue and understanding within APEC, through focused discussion, on the experiences of APEC economies and on the principles applied to and best practices in, regulatory reform (drawing on the short-term information gathering exercise).</p> <p>C. Collective action: following the Christchurch workshop on competition policy and deregulation, develop a common understanding of the interrelationships between competition policy, deregulation and trade liberalization.</p> <p>D. Collective action: establish a set of non-binding APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform, and a set of action orientated undertakings on competition policy and deregulation.</p> <p>E. Individual Economies: Action orientated undertakings directed to the implementation of the regulatory reform principles by APEC Fora and Subfora.</p>	<p>Short-term</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>September 1999</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

1. Introduction

The Government Procurement Experts Group (GPEG) was established in 1995 to consider ways to increase the transparency of, and liberalize, GP markets in accordance with the goals of the Bogor Declaration. The current Chair is Mr Tony Cranston, Manager, Competition and Enterprise Branch, Ministry of Economic Development, New Zealand. In 2000, the GPEG's work focused on the agreed process of voluntary reviews and reporting by member economies on consistency of their GP regimes with the APEC Non-binding Principles (NBPs) on GP which were adopted in 1999. Another main topic was enhancing the transparency of member economies' GP regimes (including the use of Internet-based electronic methods).

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Updated the APEC GP homepage to provide latest information in relation to GPEG's work and members' GP regimes.
- Voluntary review reports on consistency of their GP regimes with the APEC NBPs on GP were presented by Australia, Hong Kong, China, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei and a programme of further reviews was agreed.
- Developed a format for inclusion in members' IAPs of specific plans and timetables as the reference for voluntarily bringing their GP systems into conformity with the NBPs in the case of inconsistencies.
- Discussed and studied alternative approaches to encouraging domestic suppliers to participate in competing to supply GP needs without restricting competitive opportunity for foreign suppliers.

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- Chile and Republic of Korea will report on the consistency of their GP regimes with the NBPs during 2001; it was also agreed that other economies would report on transparency at the February 2001 meeting, if they have not already done so.
- Agreed a work programme for 2001 that will involve improving information on the state of E-commerce use in procurement by economies; and exploring the scope for building capacity in implementing E-procurement.
- Establish links with other relevant APEC groups, including ECSG and PLGSME, to ensure procurement policy issues are fully integrated.
- Undertake exercises to determine possible areas for cooperation in building capacity to implement the NBPs.
- Develop voluntary guidelines on implementing E-procurement in ways that will be consistent with the NBPs.

4. Benefits and Beneficiary

Updating and improvements to the APEC GP homepage will enhance transparency of members' GP regimes and provide suppliers with ready, efficient and low cost access to GP policies, procedures and procurement opportunities. The process of voluntary reviews and reporting on consistency of GP regimes with the APEC NBPs on GP, and the new IAP format, will help guide members in establishing fairer, more open, and more transparent GP systems, contributing to the long term goal of liberalisation of the GP markets in the APEC region.

5. 2000 Highlights

- Updated and improved the APEC GP homepage, making comprehensive GP information in the APEC region readily accessible to suppliers.

- Advanced the process of members' reporting to the GPEG on their voluntary review of the consistency of their GP systems with the APEC NBPs on GP.
- Developed a format for inclusion in members' IAPs of specific plans and timetables as the reference for voluntarily bringing their GP systems into conformity with the NBPs.
- Established programmes of future work aimed at improving information on E-procurement and building capacity in this area and in the area of NBP implementation.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

	Objectives	Actions	Status/Target Date
1.	Ongoing		
1.1	To improve understanding of members' government procurement (GP) systems and regional/plurilateral/ multilateral agreements on GP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain contact points to facilitate ongoing exchange of information. b. Workshops, seminars, training courses on GP procedures, laws, regulations, regional/plurilateral/multilateral agreements and best practice developments, including electronic systems. c. Discussion and study of alternative approaches to encouraging domestic suppliers to participate in competing to supply GP needs without restricting competitive opportunity for foreign suppliers. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
1.2	To increase transparency in GP through the dissemination of publicly available information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update annually members' returns to the surveys on their GP systems and publication arrangements for GP information and publish this information on the APEC homepage. b. Encourage members to develop databases or expand their existing databases on GP to include information such as legal framework, requirements for participation in tendering procedures, procurement opportunities, outcomes of tenders, bid-challenge procedures and contact points, consistent with the elements of transparency in GP identified by GPEG; and to link their databases on GP with the APEC GP Homepage and BizAPEC.com. c. Consider further improvements to APEC GP Homepage based on the New Zealand draft and implement changes by February 2001. 	<p>June each year from 1998.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>February 2001</p>
1.3	To contribute to the WTO's work on Transparency in GP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to monitor progress of the WTO Working Group on Transparency in GP and consider further contributions, if appropriate. 	Ongoing
2.			
2.1	Short-term To review consistency of GP systems with the APEC non-binding principles on GP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage members to include in their IAPs plans to review the consistency of their GP systems with the non-binding principles and, if there are inconsistencies, voluntarily bring their systems into conformity with the non-binding principles. b. Encourage Members to report to the GPEG on their voluntary reviews of the consistency of their GP systems with the NBPs. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Reports presented by 4 economies during 2000; one economy</p>

	Objectives	Actions	Status/Target Date
		c. Develop a format for inclusion in Members' IAPs of specific plans and timetables as the reference for voluntarily bringing their GP systems into conformity with the NBPs in the case of inconsistencies.	will report on all the NBPs in February and another in September 2001; other economies which have not yet reported will report on the transparency principle in February 2001. Completed
2.2	To enhance transparency of members' GP systems	a. Hold policy dialogue on options to enhance transparency of members' GP systems.	Completed
2.3	Advancing work on implementation of E-procurement, including assessing scope for building capacity	a. Explore with the Chairs of relevant groups the relationship of E-procurement to their work areas in E-commerce. b. Collaborate with the ECSG and the PLGSME on the report to SOM 1 (2001) on paperless trading which Ministers have requested. c. Develop a questionnaire to improve knowledge of current use of different elements of e-procurement in member economies, and members' future intentions. d. Develop a questionnaire to explore scope for mutual work on building capacity to use e-procurement, with the intention of assessing needs and resource implications.	February 2001 February 2001 February 2001 February 2001
3	Medium-term		
3.1	Advancing work on implementation of e-procurement, including assessing scope for building capacity	Develop draft voluntary guidelines for APEC economies on the future development of e-procurement in ways that would ensure consistency with the NBPs	September 2001
3.2	Review capability to implement the agreed NBPs and identify possible areas for cooperative assistance	Individual economies will undertake internal reviews and report outcomes.	Ongoing
4.	Long-term To achieve liberalization of GP markets throughout the Asia-Pacific region in accordance with the principles and objective of the Bogor Declaration.	Liberalize GP markets in the APEC region, contributing in the process to the evolution of work on GP in other multilateral fora.	2010/2020

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON DISPUTE MEDIATION

1. Introduction

CTI established the Dispute Mediation Experts' Group (DMEG) in 1995 to explore the possibility of developing an APEC dispute mediation service and the options for an effective method to assist in resolving trade-related disputes among members in a constructive and amicable manner without duplicating or detracting from the GATT-WTO Dispute Settlement Process.

In line with the management reform process, the 2nd CTI Meeting held in Christchurch on 3-4 May 1999 agreed to realign work in the area of Dispute Mediation to enable the substantive work on dispute mediation to be carried out under the direct responsibility of the CTI Chair.

2. Possible New Collective Actions

- Implementation of the Australia-Indonesia Alternative Dispute Resolution Pilot Project
- Updating the *Guide to Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in APEC Member Economies*.

3. Benefits and Beneficiary

DMEG's work has benefited representatives of APEC member economies who work in the trade field by way of equipping them with a better understanding of the WTO Dispute Settlement mechanism, and training them on the policy and legal aspects of managing and pursuing a dispute in the WTO.

The work of DMEG that relates to disputes between APEC governments and private entities and disputes between private entities, is also directly relevant to the private/business sector. Voluntary and non-confrontational approaches to dispute resolution are often more cost-effective than formal dispute resolution mechanisms. These approaches may allow government and private entities to a dispute to find solutions that are in their mutual economic interests.

DISPUTE MEDIATION 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
<p>(a) Regarding disputes between APEC economies: (i) promote dialogue and increased understanding, including exchange of views on any matter that may lead to a dispute, and cooperatively examine on a voluntary basis disputes that arise, utilizing policy dialogue such as the "Trade Policy Dialogue" of CTI.</p>	<p>At their 1999 meeting, Experts again noted that the trade policy dialogue (TPD) was available to member economies that wished to take advantage of its informal, off-the-record, non-adversarial procedures to exchange views on particular disputes or issues that may lead to disputes, where they considered it appropriate to do so. However, no specific proposals for such discussion had been received.</p>	<p>Experts observed that the DSU review is well underway in Geneva and noted that any attempt by DMEG to insert itself into this process at this late stage would not be desirable or constructive. Instead, Experts preferred to await the outcome of the DSU and have a WTO expert attend a future DMEG meeting to explain the results of the DSU review.</p>
<p>(ii) give further consideration as to how the above Trade Policy Dialogue or similar functions of other fora may be used by APEC economies for the exchange of information, enhanced dialogue and mediation</p>	<p>Experts acknowledged the important contribution already being made to dispute avoidance by the TPD through transparency and exchange of information. Experts agreed that the TPD could provide an appropriate forum to promote liberalization and commonality in regulation among APEC economies by review of Individual Action Plans.</p> <p>Experts considered that including hyperlinks to web sites of related fora in the electronic version of the <i>Guide to Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in APEC Member Economies</i> could enhance exchange of information and promote dialogue.</p>	<p>Review of Individual Action Plans is ongoing.</p> <p>To be reviewed in conjunction with future update of the <i>Guide to Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in APEC Member Economies</i>.</p>
<p>(iii) examine the possible future evolution of procedures for the resolution of disputes as the APEC liberalization and facilitation process develops</p>	<p>Experts will continue consideration at future meetings of government-to-government dispute mediation in keeping with the evolution of APEC's work on trade and investment liberalization and facilitation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>(iv) organize information seminars on the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding</p>	<p>Experts noted that as with any dispute settlement mechanism, WTO dispute settlement presented a number of challenges: in the management of disputes, in the management of financial and human resources, and in the implementation of recommendations adopted by the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO. Experts recognized the need of member economies, and in particular developing member economies, to acquire additional expertise in the law and practice of the WTO and reaffirmed the role that the DMEG could play in providing an opportunity to exchange experiences and to foster the development of such expertise.</p> <p>Following the success of the 1999 Advanced Seminar on the WTO Dispute Settlement</p>	<p>Experts agreed that the two seminars organized so far by the DMEG on the WTO have been highly informative. Experts considered that additional training on WTO law and practice would be highly beneficial, in particular to developing member economies. The Chair requested Experts to submit proposals for seminars as soon as possible so that project proposals could be approved and then submitted to BMC for funding.</p> <p>No proposals have been submitted by Experts thus far.</p>

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
	<p>Understanding organized by Canada and Mexico, Experts determined that future seminars on WTO law and practice would be highly valuable for DMEG member economies in advancing the objectives of the DMEG, including addressing the special needs of developing member economies.</p>	
<p>(b) Regarding disputes between private parties, and between private parties and APEC economies: (i) provide CTI with a listing of arbitration, mediation, and conciliation services available to private entities or other APEC economies, including a description of any such service which might provide a useful model for private-to-government dispute resolution in the Asia-Pacific region, and make such information widely available to the business/private sector in the Asia-Pacific region</p>	<p>Experts noted the successful publication of the <i>Guide to Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in APEC Member Economies</i> in November 1997. The guide contains information from member economies on laws, regulations, administrative practices and policies on dispute resolution. Experts determined that it would be useful to prepare a revised guide containing updated information on laws and regulations from all member economies including the three new ones.</p> <p>Experts expect that the revised guide will be as popular as the first edition in 1997, of which some 850 copies were distributed to public and private interests.</p> <p>Recognizing that it would be important to maintain an up-to-date compilation of the material contained in the guide and bearing in mind that member economies will change their laws and regulations from time to time, Experts had decided to develop an electronic version of the guide to be uploaded on the APEC web site. This medium would also ensure broad access to the information.</p>	<p>Following receipt of funding from the BAC in July 1998, a consultant gathered data submitted by member economies and compiled the revised guide. The revised guide was launched at the in April 1999 meeting of DMEG. It contains a contribution from every member economy including the three new ones.</p> <p>The electronic version of the revised guide was uploaded on the APEC web site in April 1999. Enhancements, including establishment of hot links to relevant sites in member economies, will be effected later if agreed by CTI-</p>
<p>(ii) accede, where appropriate, by 1997 to international agreements for the settlement of disputes between governments and private entities such as the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States and to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention)</p>	<p>Experts conducted a review of Individual Action Plans in respect of accession of member economies to ICSID and the New York Convention, where appropriate. Experts expressed satisfaction with the fact that most member economies are parties to ICSID, and almost all, including all three new member economies, have already implemented the New York Convention.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>(iii) organize information seminars on private dispute mediation and settlement</p>	<p>In 1998 Thailand organized the highly successful Symposium on Alternative Mechanisms for the Settlement of Transnational Commercial Disputes, held in Bangkok on April 27-28 under the auspices of the DMEG. Experts agreed that the substance of the program was particularly well-suited to the objectives of DMEG and fully advanced those objectives.</p>	<p>Experts agreed on the need for further seminars on private dispute resolution. The Chair invited submission of proposals to be considered by the Group. None have been received to date.</p>

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
	<p>The proceedings of the Symposium were published in August 1998 and subsequently distributed to DMEG Experts with an encouragement that DMEG ensured a wide dissemination of the proceedings, both in the public and business/private sectors.</p> <p>Experts reaffirmed their view that broader awareness of procedures for settlement of private-to-private disputes, through education and technical assistance as well as dissemination of information, was of essential value to member economies.</p>	
<p>(c) Transparency on an APEC-wide basis: (i) prompt, transparent and readily accessible laws and regulations</p>	<p>Experts reaffirmed the importance of greater transparency of all laws and regulations. In particular, Experts noted the new media, such as the internet, for achieving the transparency and confidence-building objectives of the DMEG and encouraged member economies to make use of such new media.</p>	<p>At the 1999 DMEG meeting, a number of economies provided Experts with URLs or other appropriate electronic addresses for easy and direct access to laws, regulations and other information on the internet on an on-going basis. These URLs will be listed on the APEC web site in the very near future.</p>
<p>(ii) designating a central contact point</p>	<p>At their 1997 Singapore meeting, Member economies had been invited to submit further ideas on contact points and other information with a view to providing a basis for further discussion of transparency and dispute avoidance at the next meeting of the DMEG. No such ideas were submitted to the Chair prior to the 1998 meeting.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>(d) Further discussions on the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding</p>	<p>Experts from economies that have had experience with the WTO dispute settlement process exchanged their experiences with other Experts at the 1999 DMEG meeting. Experts observed that APEC member economies have been very active in their use of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism and that the WTO dispute settlement mechanism is operating effectively. Experts viewed that such exchanges were very valuable, especially for DMEG Experts who have no WTO experience.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON MOBILITY OF BUSINESS PEOPLE

1. Introduction

In November 1995 in Osaka, APEC leaders agreed to adopt the Osaka Action Agenda, which sets out the process for implementing free and open trade and investment in the region by 2010/2020. In this context, members recognised that facilitating the movement of business people in the region was becoming an increasingly significant component in enhancing global trade and investment, particularly given the globalisation of production, growing demand for services and skilled personnel and the critical importance of investment in stimulating economic growth.

The enhancement of Business Mobility was identified as one of APEC's 15 Action Areas. A Collective Action Plan (CAP) on the Mobility of Business People was drawn up with four key objectives:

- **Information exchange** on regulatory regimes relating to the mobility of business people in the region;
- Building regional cooperation to streamline and accelerate the processing of **visas for short-term business travel**;
- Building regional cooperation to extend streamlined processing to arrangements for **temporary residency for business people**; and
- Establish and maintain a **dialogue on mobility issues with the business community**.

Australia was appointed convenor of Business Mobility issues following the November 1996 APEC Leaders' Meeting in Subic Bay. A separate informal working group covering Business Mobility issues was formed under the umbrella of the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI), and met for the first time in May 1997 in Quebec City, Canada. The Group has met on eleven occasions.

2. Collective Actions Achieved

- Australia, Chile, Hong Kong (China), Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Thailand are participating in the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme. The ABTC removes the need for business people to separately apply for visas to participating economies, and provides the additional benefit of streamlined airport processing in participating economies. Peru announced their participation in the ABTC scheme during the August 2000 ABAC meeting in Lima, bringing the number of participating economies in the scheme to nine.
- Economies have agreed in principle on a best endeavours basis to adopt improved service standards for processing applications for and extensions of, temporary residence permits for executives, managers and specialists transferred within their companies to other APEC economies.
- Economies have agreed to issue multiple-entry visas to frequent business travellers from other APEC economies and have acted individually to facilitate business travel, for example by expanding visa-waiver programs or extending the validity of multiple-entry visas.
- Economies maintain up-to-date information on their requirements for short-term business entry and business temporary residency in the online version of the *APEC Business Travel Handbook*. The Handbook includes contact details for visa offices across the APEC region. The Handbook can be found at: <http://www.apecsec.org.sg/travbook/contents.html>
- Technical cooperation programs have been conducted to build the capacity of APEC members in the detection of travel document fraud.

3. Agreed New Collective Actions

- **Dialogue with the business community**
 - ABAC members will be regularly briefed on Business Mobility meeting outcomes, and we will invite ABAC attendance at the Group's meetings.
 - Economies will consult their business communities and report on any identified business mobility issues of concern.
 - Other APEC fora will be invited to address the Group on business concerns, and members of the Group will participate in appropriate outreach events in the APEC calendar.
- **Information exchange**
 - Economies will refresh their entries in the *APEC Business Travel Handbook*.
- **Streamlining and accelerating processing of visas for short-term travel**
 - We will continue to support the ABAC aim of expanding the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme from 9 economies (as from 28 August 2000) to 12 economies by end 2000.
- **Capacity Building - Technical Cooperation and Training**
 - Economies will finalise an evaluation of the program of capacity building travel document fraud training conducted in 1999 (report to be tabled at SOMI 2001).
 - We will implement the TILF funded project to build the capacity of economies in immigration facilitation techniques in 2000-2001.
 - We will develop a paper regarding standards for travel, entry and stay in economies to be considered by the Group at SOMI 2001.
- **Streamlining and accelerating the processing of visas for temporary residency for business people to engage in trade and investment**
 - We will develop and conduct a survey in respect of extending streamlining processing arrangements and benchmark service standards to processing specialists and other key business personnel (options paper to be considered at SOMI 2001)
 - We will develop a statement on streamlined business temporary residency arrangements for inclusion in international multilateral trade facilitation agreements (second draft statement to be considered by the Group inter-sessionally before SOMI 2001).
 - We will determine future directions for the Group to pursue in 2000-2001.

4. Benefits and Beneficiaries

Ongoing **dialogue with the APEC business community** will continue to ensure that the agenda of the Experts' Group maintains relevance and currency and that issues of concern to business are dealt with.

The *APEC Business Travel Handbook* ensures transparency of visa and entry requirements and delivers up to date and useful information on entry requirements across APEC economies to the desktop of the business traveller.

The **APEC Business Travel Card** facilitates frequent travelling business people travel between the participating economies by removing red tape and providing express immigration lanes at international airports.

The work of the Experts' group on **streamlining temporary residence** arrangements within APEC is aiming to meet demands from the APEC business community for expeditious movement of highly skilled and key personnel across the region. Removing unnecessarily complex procedures for temporary residence will enhance the capacity for business people to move staff quickly and assist international trade and investment

The **TILF funded capacity building** project will deliver a coordinated training and technical assistance program to economies in need. The aim is to provide economies with essential capacities enabling them to take further steps to introduce streamlined entry arrangements for APEC business people.

The key beneficiaries to the work of the Experts' Group are APEC business people travelling between APEC economies.

5. 2000 Highlights

- The Convenor met with the ABAC Business Facilitation Taskforce at the February 2000 ABAC meeting in Bangkok, and also invited ABAC representatives to attend the meetings of the Group.
- The Convenor also wrote to Convenors of other APEC fora (including Groups on Services, Customs, Tourism) seeking their input into the Group's agenda.
- The ABTC scheme expanded to nine participating economies with Thailand and Peru announcing their participation during the year.
- A seminar on the ABTC scheme was held in Canberra from 28-30 August 2000 hosted by Australia. The workshop was open to all APEC members and was attended by twelve economies: Australia; Canada; Chile; Hong Kong (China); Indonesia; Korea; New Zealand; Peru; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; and the USA. The purpose of the workshop was to raise international understanding and awareness of the ABTC, and to increase operational cooperation between participating economies to streamline ABTC processing.
- The Group conducted a survey of member economies to determine the extent to which arrangements have been put in place for streamlined processing of intra-company transfer of senior executives and managers.
- The ABAC assisted the Group by conducting a survey of the APEC business community regarding the impact of the in-principle agreement by member economies to streamline intra-company transfers of senior executives and managers.
- The Group conducted a survey of member economies regarding their current processing arrangements for specialists seeking temporary residence.
- APEC TILF funds were secured to conduct a further capacity building project for members in immigration facilitation techniques. Phase one of this project has been completed with a workshop held in Glyncro, USA in August 2000. The workshop was attended by: Australia; Hong Kong (China); Malaysia; the Philippines; Thailand; and the USA. The workshop:
 - evaluated the previous program of document fraud training conducted in terms of sustainable skills acquisition;
 - developed arrangements to identify what further skills transfer strategies, including further training, needs to take place and to determine the relative strengths of the lead economies that can be delivered across the technical cooperation groups; and
 - identified the equipment and organisational needs of recipient economies so that they may become self-sufficient.
- Updates to the *APEC Business Travel Handbook* were provided by economies throughout the year.

MOBILITY OF BUSINESS PEOPLE 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

OAA Objectives	Action	Timeframe
<p>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</p> <p><i>APEC economies will:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>exchange information on regulatory regimes in regard to the mobility of business people in the region;</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly update the APEC Business Travel Handbook informing business of members' short-term business and business temporary residence entry and visa requirements. 	Ongoing
<p>COOPERATION IN STREAMLINING BUSINESS TRAVEL</p> <p><i>APEC economies will:</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>examine the possibility of setting the scope for cooperation at a regional level aimed at streamlining and accelerating:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>processing of visas for short term business travel; and</i> • <i>arrangements for temporary residency for business people to engage in trade and investment.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economies will continue to review and improve their arrangements for short term business travellers • Experts' Group to continue to support ABAC's aim of expanding the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme from 9 economies (as from 28 August 2000) to 12 economies by end 2000 • Conduct seminar on the ABTC, hosted by Australia at Experts' Group request, for interested and current ABTC scheme participants • Facilitate policy dialogue between border management and other relevant officials on regulatory regimes relating to short-term travel and business residency, and in particular relating to specialists • Exerts' Group to implement agreed evaluation framework for intra-company transferees of executives and senior managers. • Economies to respond to survey on implementing streamlined arrangements on intra-company transfer of senior executives and managers. • Report to the CTI on aggregate success at achieving streamlined processing for intra-company transfer of senior executives and managers. 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Took place August 2000</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>September 2000</p> <p>September 2000</p> <p>SOMI 2001</p>

OAA Objectives	Action	Timeframe
<p>COOPERATION IN STREAMLINING BUSINESS TRAVEL</p> <p><i>APEC economies will:</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>examine the possibility of setting the scope for cooperation at a regional level aimed at streamlining and accelerating:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>processing of visas for short term business travel; and</i> • <i>arrangements for temporary residency for business people to engage in trade and investment.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economies to respond to survey on current processing arrangements for temporary residence of specialists. • Using specialists survey as a basis the Experts' Group will consider extending streamlining processing arrangements and benchmark service standards to processing specialists and other key business personnel. First options paper on specialists to be tabled at SOMI 2001 • Experts' Group to determine future directions for the Group to pursue in 2000-2001. • Experts' Group to develop a statement on streamlined business temporary residency arrangements for inclusion in international multilateral trade facilitation agreements. Second draft statement to be considered by Expert's Group intersessionally before SOMI 2001 • Economies to respond to evaluation survey on previous program of document fraud training conducted. • Economies to collectively develop and conduct an evaluation of the success of document fraud training using the survey results as a basis. • Expert's group to consider developing a common set of document fraud training materials for distribution to economies. • Experts' Group to implement the TILF funded Capacity Building in Immigration Facilitation Techniques project. Phase one was completed in August 2000. • Develop a draft paper on standards for travel, entry and stay in APEC economies. 	<p>September 2000</p> <p>SOMI 2001</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>SOMI 2001</p> <p>September 2000</p> <p>SOMI 2001</p> <p>End 2000</p> <p>2000-2001</p> <p>Inter-sessionally for SOMI 2001</p>
<p>BUSINESS COMMUNITY COOPERATION</p> <p>(iii) <i>establish and maintain a dialogue on mobility issues with the business community.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts' Group to continue to brief ABAC members on meeting outcomes. • Experts' Group to continue to invite ABAC representatives to attend the Group meetings. 	<p>Ongoing. Next for SOMI, 2001.</p> <p>Ongoing. Next for</p>

OAA Objectives	Action	Timeframe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Dialogue Working Party to develop strategy for Dialogue with Business and Experts' Group to continue to work with ABAC to engage the APEC business community in improving business mobility (strategy agreed at SOMII, 2000). • Members to seek input from the business community in their home economies on mobility issues and report on any identified issues of concern to the Experts' Group. • Members to participate in appropriate outreach events in the APEC calendar. • Experts' Group to invite other APEC fora to address the Experts' Group on business concerns. • Encourage feedback from business representatives on utility of <i>APEC Business Travel Handbook</i>. 	<p>SOMI, 2001.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF WTO OBLIGATIONS AND RULES OF ORIGIN

1. Introduction

The work program on the Implementation of Uruguay Round (UR) outcomes seeks to promote opportunities for training and exchange of views on and experiences of challenges and solutions related to implementation of the UR outcomes. In line with the review of mandates undertaken in 1999, work on UR implementation was realigned to enable it to be carried out under the direct responsibility of the CTI Chair. However, given that many of the issues covered by the Implementation of Uruguay Round Undertakings were covered in other issue areas and the time which has lapsed since the conclusion of the UR, CTI agreed at its 2nd Meeting on 30-31 May 2000 to explore how work in this area could be further streamlined and re-organized for the mid to long term in response to the extensive work programs being developed on WTO Implementation. In this regard, CTI agreed to rename the chapter as "Implementation of WTO Obligations"

In 2000, CTI developed a strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to implement WTO agreements. This strategic plan aims to provide tailor-made packages of technical assistance for developing APEC economies that will facilitate their ability to implement WTO agreements. A mechanism would be created to implement and follow-up on the plan. A Seminar on New Areas was held on 23 August 2000 in Lima, Peru to promote mutual understanding of the issues and share experiences with investment and competition policies in the APEC region. A second seminar has been scheduled for November 2000 in the Philippines.

Activity on ROO is focused on the assessment of compliance with procedural obligations in the WTO Agreement on ROO, including notification responsibilities, and those disciplines applicable to non-preferential rules of origin. In addition to focusing on the transparency aspects of APEC member practices on ROO, members continued to work on harmonization of non-preferential rules of origin by actively participating in meetings and negotiations in the WTO and World Customs Organization (WCO). Members are awaiting the results of the harmonization program. Following this, consideration would be given to the holding of a seminar on the resulting agreement.

2. Collective Action Achieved

- Development of a strategic plan to build capacity to implement WTO Agreements
- APEC Seminar on New Areas (Investment and Competition) was held on 23 August 2000 in Lima, Peru and the second seminar is scheduled in November 2000 in the Philippines.

3. New Collective Actions Agreed

- Consider the development of a mechanism to implement and follow-up on the strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to implement WTO agreements.

4. Benefits and Beneficiary

The Seminar on New Areas (Investment and Competition) provided an opportunity for member economies to promote mutual understanding of the issues and share experiences with investment and competition policies in the APEC region. The tailor-made packages of technical assistance to be developed would help developing APEC economies with the implementation of WTO Agreements as well as to address the concerns and challenges of their participation in a new round.

5. 1999 Highlights

- Development of a strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to implement WTO Agreements
- APEC Seminar on New Areas (Investment and Competition) was held on 23 August 2000 in Lima, Peru and the second seminar is scheduled in November 2000 in the Philippines.

WTO IMPLEMENTATION 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
a) Utilize and encourage participation in WTO implementation seminars. Consider holding periodic seminars for the private sector on steps planned to liberalize trade as part of WTO implementation	Member economies will consider participation in additional implementation seminars to enhance participation in the WTO built-in agenda and to maintain the momentum for liberalization in APEC and the WTO.	On-going
b) Consider implementation of follow-on work from these seminars. Decide whether to hold a follow-on series of WTO seminars to enhance participation in the WTO built-in agenda and maintain the momentum for liberalization in APEC and WTO.	A compilation of follow-on work from seminars on Uruguay Round Implementation was compiled by the APEC Secretariat and distributed to Members in 1998.	Completed
c) Undertake technical assistance based on discussions at WTO seminars, including cooperative training projects targeted at prevalent implementation problems.	Members will participate and are participating in projects, which involve WTO and regional private and public institutions, and which are aimed at providing technical assistance to APEC members and to non-APEC WTO members on the implementation of the WTO agreements. APEC members also participate in technical assistance projects developed in CTI sub-groups and targeted toward implementation of WTO agreements.	Short-term and ongoing Ongoing
d) Annually, review and provide for reporting to Ministers and business on progress made in APEC members' WTO implementation.	Members contribute annually in their IAPs information on implementation, and changes to implementation, of WTO commitments. Members also provide annually updated tariffs, customs and other information to the APEC tariff databases.	Ongoing
e) Identify provisions in WTO agreements that, when implemented, would have the most positive impact on furthering common APEC goals.	Members participate in the identification of provisions of WTO agreements which will particularly advance common APEC goals, as well as in identifying members' technical assistance needs on implementing such provisions. IPEG developed a Joint Statement on the WTO TRIPS Agreement Implementation, which was adopted by the Ministers Responsible for Trade in June. The statement demonstrated APEC economies' commitments to fully implement the TRIPS Agreement.	Short- to medium-term

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
f) Encourage the CTI sub-fora to contribute to the WTO in ways that are appropriate and relevant to implementation of the WTO Agreements, in their areas of expertise.	<p>CTI sub-fora will continue to contribute to WTO through CTI, on issues of relevance to the WTO.</p> <p>In 2000, GPEG continued to monitor and discuss the progress of WTO Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement (WGTGP) and consider further contributions, if appropriate. CPD continued dialogue with the WTO Joint Group on Trade and Competition Policy.</p>	Ongoing
g) Develop a mechanism to implement and follow-up on the strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to implement WTO Agreements	<p>In 2000, CTI developed a strategic plan which aimed to provide tailor-made packages of technical assistance for developing APEC member economies that would facilitate their ability to implement WTO agreements. A mechanism would be created to implement and follow-up on the plan.</p>	Short-to medium term
h) Other areas of concentration	<p>Further suggestions for CAP activities or revisions of the CAP included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revision of CAP to reflect the strategic plan to build capacity in APEC to facilitate the implementation of WTO Agreements; • revision of CAP to better reflect coordination with WTO on technical assistance; and • revision of CAP to refocus activities on other areas of APEC interaction with WTO, e.g., policy dialogue, new issues, and implementation of new agreements. 	Short-term

RULES OF ORIGIN 2000 COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
a) Undertake an assessment of compliance with procedural obligations in the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin, including notification responsibilities, and those disciplines applicable to preferential and non-preferential rules of origin.	Members have conducted assessments of their compliance with the procedural obligations in the WTO Agreement on Rules of Origin, including notification requirements, and are participating in negotiations in the WTO and WCO concerning non-preferential rules of origin. Members will consider holding a seminar or workshop on the results of these negotiations at the time of their completion, with the aim of: (a) generating a project proposal for the training of relevant personnel to ensure that each member can implement the eventual harmonization agreement and the procedural obligations of the UR agreement; and (b) drawing up a checklist of other steps required to implement both agreements, and creating an “APEC template”.	Short-term
b) Develop a compendium of members’ Rules of Origin for the use of the business/private sector. Ensure a more transparent, predictable, and consistent application of rules of origin.	<p>The Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) has completed and published the <i>Compendium on Rules of Origin</i> called for in the Osaka Action Agenda (OAA).</p> <p>The CTI has now adopted more detailed format guidelines for ROO, in particular focusing on the procedural obligations of the WTO agreement on ROO, ensuring that members will now report thoroughly on ROO implementation on an ongoing basis through their IAPs.</p> <p>On the basis of past IAPs and the current, improved versions, it is suggested that the APEC Secretariat conduct an analysis of member economy steps in implementing the WTO ROO agreement.</p>	Short-term
c) Facilitate, complement, and accelerate, in the short-term WTO/WCO work on harmonization of non-preferential rules of origin.	Members will continue active participation in meetings of WTO and WCO, discussing WTO/WCO harmonization work in APEC, submitting contribution papers to WCO, and organizing consultations with domestic industries. The harmonization program has yet to be completed and it is hoped that it would produce an outcome that reflects and supports APEC’s overall objective of expanding trade.	Short-term

Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
	Members may also indicate in their IAPs their level of participation in WTO/WCO harmonization, and/or any technical or other impediments to participation.	Short-term
d) Study in due course the implication of rules of origin on the free flow of trade and investment, with a view to identifying, in the longer term, both positive and negative aspects and effects of rules of origin related practices.	<p>There have already been studies of the effect of ROO on trade and investment by PECC and Korea completed in 1997, and a thorough trade policy dialogue at CTI I in January 1997.</p> <p>Members are prepared to continue participation in joint work to explore the trade and investment implications of rules of origin, taking into account views of business. The suggestion was made that the terms of reference and guidelines for conducting a study should be established.</p>	Longer-term

APPENDIX II

REPORT ON TILF ACTIVITIES IN OTHER APEC FORA

(As of 21 September 2000)

REPORT ON TILF ACTIVITIES IN OTHER APEC FORA

Energy Working Group

At the fourth meeting of APEC Energy Ministers held in San Diego on 12 May 2000, Ministers re-committed to the implementation of energy initiatives on a voluntary basis and endorsed an Implementation Strategy for APEC's Energy Program.

The Implementation Strategy features a program of Implementation Facilitation under which invited teams of energy experts from the public and/or private sectors of member economies visit host economies to share their experiences and provide advice to members on options and approaches to energy sector reform (for instance, in power and natural gas sectors). The host economy provides direction on energy market sectors and areas of market reform it wishes the Implementation Facilitation Assistance Team to focus on before visits commence.

Both Peru and the Philippines have invited Implementation Facilitation Assistance Teams to their economies to consider natural gas and power sector reforms. Thailand also invited the Assistance Team on 17-18 August 2000 for a follow-up to the visit which had taken place in November 1999.

A report on the second Phase of a *Comprehensive Linked Database on Mining and Energy Related Opportunities and Regional Framework within APEC Member Economies* was presented at an EWG meeting in November 1999. The database has been operational since October 1997 and is aimed at promoting a more informed policy debate on the impact of liberalization in the energy sector. Phase 2 promoted the site world-wide and resulted in an increase in hits of 600%. An extension of Phase 2 has commenced in September 2000; and Phase 3 will commence in October 2000.

A final report on the *Quantitative Assessment of the Impact on the Energy Sector of Liberalizing Trade and Investment in APEC Member Economies* was formally completed in June 2000, and was presented to the 'Public-Private Dialogue' held in conjunction with the Fourth APEC Energy Ministers' Meeting in May, 2000 (San Diego, California). The report will enable APEC member economy governments, energy departments, planning and regulatory organizations, utilities and business sector organizations to draw on improved information for their decision making and to benefit from any energy market liberalization that might ensue from the study; and will enable collaborating energy research institutions (such as APERC), to develop their understanding of policy scenario modeling and influence data acquisition and design of simulations through their participation in the project. The project's final report has been circulated broadly amongst these organizations and institutions to draw upon as their respective circumstances require.

A Review of Energy Efficiency Test Standards and Regulations in APEC Member Economies was completed in January 2000. The study identifies product areas for examination; determines the nature of technical and testing requirements; identifies the nature of existing or proposed

cooperative arrangements between APEC economies; reviews test procedures to identify differences; reviews the adequacy of international test standards; and identifies the feasibility of overcoming trade barriers.

Fisheries Working Group

During 2000, the Fisheries Working Group (FWG) has been working towards completing Part II, on non-tariff measures, of the project *Trade and Investment Liberalization in Fisheries*. This project was originally designed in 1996 as a self-funded four-part study to cover tariff, non-tariff measures (NTMs) and subsidies, including investment liberalization.

The FWG also has been assuming responsibility for two projects arising from the Early Voluntary Sectoral Liberalization (EVSL) initiative in the fisheries sector. One of the projects is *Study into the Nature and Extent of Subsidies in the Fisheries Sector in APEC Member Economies*, which will identify government progress and policies, which might lead to dispute under the WTO Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement. The other project is *A study to Reduce Impediments to Early Voluntary Sectoral Liberalization in the Fisheries Sector*, which is a three-part project to develop a policy model to eliminate barriers to EVSL.

The FWG is continuing to undertake a two-year TILF-related project, which started in mid-1999: *the APEC Seafood Information System*. This project tests the feasibility of improving and expanding the market and industry information service provided by GLOBEFISH and the FAO Regional Marketing Information and Advisory Services for Fishery Products. By the end of this year, it is aimed to have a website up and running.

In addition, the FWG completed the project *Free Trade and Investment in the Fisheries Sector of the Asia-Pacific Region: Economic Analysis of Tariffs* in 1999. This project fairly assesses the qualitative and quantitative economic impacts of tariff removal in the fisheries sector in the Asia-Pacific Region. The outcome is available at APEC's website.

It is worth mentioning that in early 1999, the FWG produced a publication on *Air Shipment of Live and Fresh and Seafood Guidelines: A Manual on Preparing Packaging Live and Fresh Fish & Seafood Air Shipments* along with the *Customs and Inspection Guidelines for Six APEC Member Economies*. The manual aims to inform APEC fish and seafood traders of the technical requirements and public health regulations associated with trade in air shipped live and fresh fish and shellfish. The manual is available from the APEC Secretariat. An electronic version is on the APEC Secretariat's website.

Human Resources Development Working Group

The Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG) continued to develop human capital in APEC through its capacity building activities and contribute to the trade and investment liberalization and facilitation agenda.

The first of workshops, seminars and a wrap-up symposium arising from *the APEC Alternative Dispute Resolution Executives Education Project* will be held this November. The project aims to raise awareness about ADR, enhance skills of business people and their professional advisers in negotiation and dispute resolution, and promote use of ADR methods for commercial dispute resolution, as well as develop curricula and teaching material.

The project on Mutual Recognition of Qualifications (Engineering) which aims to set up an APEC Register of Engineers is in its third stage. The Register provides the basis for a transparent system for facilitating movement of qualified engineers within the region. Members will also be able to share best practices on mutual recognition.

The 3rd phase of *the Trade and Investment Insurance Training Programme (TITTP)*, which is also jointly conducted with the Trade Promotion Working Group (TPWG), will be continued and is expected to have a high rate of participation from members. The Programme will train Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) in the field.

Collaboration with other APEC fora, including CTI sub-fora, was also encouraged to ensure wide participation and coverage through joint projects. Information on a GOS project relating to education services was also made available to HRDWG members.

Other activities undertaken by the HRDWG cover areas such as International Quality Assurance Systems (IQAS), Mutual Recognition of Qualification, Standards and Conformity Assessment Schemes, Management of Industrial Property Rights, and Competitive Policy.

Industrial Science and Technology Working Group

The Industrial Science and Technology Working Group (ISTWG) has been pursuing a number of activities directly relevant to the TILF agenda, such as *the 4th APEC Technomart and the multi-year study on the role of science and technology industrial parks (STIPs)*, and *Workshop on Business Incubation and Information Flow Improvement for Business Incubators*.

The 4th APEC Technomart was endorsed at the 17th ISTWG in August 1999 and was held in Suzhou City, China in September 2000. The Technomart is a sequential event of the ISTWG, built upon the success of the past three Technomarts. The 4th APEC Technomart will be partly funded by the business/private sector. However, the Chinese Government will provide solid supports including financial commitments to this event. It will facilitate trade and investment via a comprehensive program of exhibitions, seminars, business-matching programs, site visits and new technology and high-tech product presentations and demonstrations. A wide variety of technological fields will be touched. Under the theme of "Innovation and Industrial Science and Technology Cooperation towards the 21st Century," APEC Technomart IV will serve as a bridge which links companies, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), R&D institutes, universities, science and technology industrial parks (STIPs), business incubators and venture capital firms together. It will be a forum to display and exchange S&T innovation and economic development and experience in the new century, and will provide opportunities of follow-up

business cooperation in a variety of fields. In general, the serial exhibitions contribute to the improvement of the comprehensive competitiveness of the Asia-Pacific area and strengthening of our efforts towards the overall APEC goals, i.e., trade and investment liberalization and facilitation (TILF), and economic and technical cooperation (Ecotech).

The ISTWG finished *a multi-year study on the role of STIPs*. STIPs aimed at improved flows of technological information and technology in different APEC economies, focusing on issues relating to trade emanating from STIPs. An international Seminar titled “Improved flows of technological information and technology-the role of STIPs” was held in Beijing. Research achievements on STIPs for TILF were exchanged. Basic information and data was established which included 400 science and technology industrial parks in Canada, Mexico, the USA and 52 in China. National policies in APEC economies to develop high-tech industries and STIPs was compared and combined.

Workshop on Business Incubation and Information Flow Improvement for Business Incubators was a project endorsed at the 18th ISTWG in March 2000. The Workshop was held in September 2000 in Xi’an City, China. The purpose of this project is to train working staff of business incubators and related employees in government and private sectors in APEC economies so as to encourage the growth of high-tech based SMEs. It will also create business opportunities and industrial science and technology cooperation among member economies. Planned results and relevancy to the private sector includes the establishment of closer partnerships among business incubators in the APEC region, the improvement of information flow on business incubation, and further facilitation of the development of SMEs. Through the cooperation among business incubators, their capacity of facilitating SMEs will be greatly enhanced. Thus an improved business climate will be formed. The project is closely related to the key priorities established in the Osaka Action Agenda (OAA), Manila Action Plan for APEC (MAPA), Mexico Delectation and APEC Agenda for Science and Technology Industry Cooperation into the 21st Century in the area of business facilitation, economic and technical cooperation, SMEs development.

Telecommunications Working Group

In 2000, the Telecommunications Working Group (TELWG) carried out a number of TILF related activities.

The TELWG continues to move forward with the implementation of the APEC TEL Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for Telecommunications Equipment. As of April 2000, nine economies (Australia; Canada; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Korea; Peru; Singapore; Chinese Taipei and the United States) are participating in the implementation of Phase I procedures (mutual recognition of test reports). The MRA Implementation Support Project has been completed. The project identified for participating economies the administrative, legal, industrial and commercial barriers to the efficient implementation of the APEC TEL MRA and recommended ways to overcome those barriers. This will be followed up with an MRA HRD project to deliver training to regulator on MRA implementation.

The TELWG concluded the self-funded *Study of Compatible and Sustainable International Charging Arrangements for Internet Services (ICAIS)* and a report was submitted to the 4th Ministerial Meeting on the Telecommunications and Information Industry (TELMIN 4) in Cancun, Mexico in May 2000. Ministers adopted the *APEC Principles on International Charging Arrangements for Internet Services* and instructed TELWG to conduct further work on the ICAIS issue. The work includes fostering dialogue between industry and government and further study on the ICAIS issue.

Following the completion of the Interconnection Framework for Telecommunications Networks in 1999, the TELWG continued to work on the *APEC Principles of Interconnection*. The *APEC Principles of Interconnection* was adopted at TELMIN 4 and ten economies (Australia; Canada; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; New Zealand; Philippines; Singapore; Chinese Taipei and the United States) have offered information on the timeframe for the implementation of these principles in their economies. TELWG has also started work on the Interconnection Resource Project. The aim of the project is to gather information on interconnection to empower business and governments with practical information and a simple methodology to make negotiations and interconnection policy easier and faster.

In 2000, TELWG completed the project on the implementation of the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunications. The project is designed to help APEC WTO members with the implementation of the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunications and to help APEC non-WTO member to develop necessary steps to meet the agreement. The final report from this project can be found on the APEC TELWG Website.

Tourism Working Group

The First APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Tourism was held in Seoul, Korea, on 6-7 July 2000. At the Meeting, Ministers adopted the Seoul Declaration on an APEC Tourism Charter. The Charter reflects a collective commitment to improve the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of APEC member economies through tourism. It also recognizes the significant economic and non-economic contribution of tourism to the APEC member economies as well as to the overall APEC Agenda.

Amongst the Four Policy Goals stated in the Charter is Goal No. 1 “Remove impediments to tourism business and investment”. In particular, member economies shall seek to achieve this goal by promoting and facilitating the mobility of skills, training and labor; promoting and facilitating productive investment in tourism and associated sectors; removing regulatory impediments to tourism business and investment, and encouraging liberalization of services trade related to tourism under the GATS.

Goal No. 2 is titled “Increase mobility of visitors and demand for tourism goods and services in the APEC Region”. Member economies have stated that they will seek to achieve this goal by facilitating seamless travel for visitors; facilitate and promote e-commerce for tourism business and foster a non-discriminatory approach to the provision of visitor facilities and services.

Commitment to the Policy Goals stated in the APEC Tourism Charter will be demonstrated by submitting and implementing individual and collective action plans and by identifying issues for consideration by other relevant APEC fora. The Policy Goals shall receive specific contributions from the private sector, in particular the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC).

Trade Promotion Working Group

In 2000, the Trade Promotion Working Group (WGTP) continued to undertake work on trade promotion, trade skills and training, trade information and networking, and cooperation between the business/private sector and public agencies. Activities pursued during the year include: APECNet; the Core Characteristics Survey III of APEC Trade Promotion Organizations(TPOs); Training for Building Skill on Marketing Strategy; APEC Seminar on Logistics Management; Training for Building Skill on Marketing Strategy; The Fourth APEC International Trade Fair 2000 and the APEC Business Consultation Forum and Reverse Exhibitions.

The Core Characteristics Survey (CCS) is an annual survey conducted by Australia, with all APEC economies. CCS collects data on key performance and operational mechanisms engaged by APEC TPOs in the delivery of trade and investment facilitation services. The third edition of CCS is close to completion in August 2000. It will provide an overview of changes that have occurred in APEC TPOs since 1998, as observed through CCS. The fourth edition has been approved in the 12th WGTP meeting to proceed for year 2001.

APECNet website was launched in June 1998. It has strengthened the hyperlinks with APECnet, member economies' trade promotion organization homepages and other relevant websites, including the UNCTAD GTPNet. This site provides business matching services and easy access to trade-related information, including activities and opportunities.

APEC Seminar on Logistics Management was held on 27-29 April 2000 in Chinese Taipei, with a total of over 80 participants from public and business sectors of 18 member economies. With the advent of e-commerce in international trade of 21st century, this project has significantly contributed to the better understanding among member economies of the importance of logistics to economic and trade development. It enabled participants to establish business contacts, which will in the future translate into growth in trade and investment among member economies.

Training for Building Skill on Marketing Strategy was held in Indonesia on 19-23 June 2000 with attendance of 118 participants. This workshop enhanced marketing skill and expertise of participants from private and public sectors to adapt to the fast changing global trading environment.

APEC Seminar on Product Packaging will be held in Tokyo on 2-5 October 2000. It aims to enable participants from the APEC member economies to (1) share their experiences on product packaging, (2) get up-to-date information on product packaging trends, (3) show ways to add

value and increase the competitiveness of their own products, and (4) facilitate trade and investment among the APEC member economies.

The Fourth APEC International Trade Fair 2000 will take place on 18-22 October 2000 in Jakarta, Indonesia while the Business Consultation Forum (19-21 October) to be held during the fair. With its theme as "Ensure Your Place in the World Market", the Fair will aim to promote e-commerce to SMEs in the region. Meanwhile, the Business Consultation Forum aims to provide a platform for business to network, locate prospective partners and explore business opportunities.

The Reverse Exhibitions sponsored by Japan will provide exhibiting Japanese-affiliated companies with the opportunity to network and forging partnership with local suppliers from within the APEC region. One exhibition has already been held in Indonesia and others will take place this year in China, Singapore and the U.S. respectively.

Transportation Working Group

The Transportation Working Group (TPTWG) continues to work on several important TILF-related activities, as follows:

Air Services

Although individual economies continue to provide voluntary reports to TPTWG meetings on their implementation of the of each of the eight recommendations made by the TPTWG Air Services Group in 1997, and supported by Leaders in 1999, the TPTWG is responding to the Auckland Challenge by:

- reviewing implementation of each of the eight recommendations for more competitive air services, with the objective of identifying further work to progress liberalization, taking account of the benefits and difficulties of implementation; and
- pursuing further steps to liberalize air services on a voluntary basis, including the exploration of plurilateral arrangements by like-minded APEC economies, and another being the "widening" of the eight recommendations.

The TPTWG will decide on its next steps at its 18th meeting, 16-20 October 2000 and then report to the SOM Chair.

The intersessional work on the review is proceeding satisfactorily. In relation to exploration of plurilateral arrangements, five like-minded economies met in Hawaii in August and will report on their progress to TPTWG 18.

Maritime Initiative

The Maritime Initiative's objective is the creation of an efficient, safe and competitive operating environment for maritime transport in the APEC region. Following the circulation of a questionnaire seeking information on member economies' international shipping policies, TPTWG commenced analysing the responses in 1999. Economies have been asked intersessionally to identify those high priority impediments and barriers to free trade in maritime services that could be considered for removal in the future. These will be discussed at the next TPTWG meeting, as will the future direction of the Maritime Initiative's work.

The Maritime Initiative is undertaking a project which will address the economic benefits of liberalized shipping and port services in the region. A draft report will be discussed at the next TPT-WG meeting (October 2000). The Maritime Initiative has been considering possible model approaches to the WTO Maritime Transport Services negotiations and is expected to form views on preferred approaches at the October 2000 meeting.

Electronic Commerce

TPTWG is pursuing the paperless trading goals of 2005/2010 in collaboration with other APEC fora, and working to determine a future direction in the adoption of electronic commerce (EC) as widely as possible throughout the transport sector in the region. The group's objective is to eliminate the requirement for paper documents (both regulatory and institutional) for the key messages relevant to international transport and trade by 2005. TPTWG has two related projects in progress this year - "Implementation of Electronic Commerce for Commercial Messages" and "Pilot Electronic Commerce Training in Maritime Transport".

Road Transport Harmonisation

The TPTWG commenced Phase 5 of this project in 1999. The first stage developed guidelines and action plans for two volunteer economies to assist development of internationally harmonised automotive safety and environmental protection regulatory requirements. The second stage of this project, to be completed by 2001, is developing guidelines and action plans for seven volunteer economies, including developing economies, to achieve harmonised regulatory systems.

Consumers will benefit through improved road safety and potentially reduced costs. Regulatory agencies will benefit through reduced administration resources, and the vehicle industry will gain surety of market access and potentially reduced costs.

Economic Committee

The principal TILF-related activities for the Economic Committee (EC) in 2000 are the two research projects: *APEC Economies beyond the Asian Crisis* ("Crisis" project) and *Towards Knowledge-Based Economies in APEC* (KBE project).

The “Crisis” project is a two-year project started from the beginning of 1999. This project focuses on long-term prospects of the APEC economies beyond the Asian crisis, highlighting key issues awaiting the APEC economies in the next few decades. Its value added for APEC is twofold. First, the project provides a vehicle for the APEC community to foster a sense of direction on the prospects of APEC economies and necessary policy actions. And second, it provides the analytical basis for refocusing and strengthening APEC cooperation activities.

This project is being carried out as a collaborative task led by four lead economies: Japan (growth potentials and project coordination), Korea (trade and investment), Chinese Taipei (SMEs), and the Philippines (social policy).

The progress report of the crisis project was published and submitted to Ministers in September 1999. Building on the progress report and valuable contributions during the EC’s symposium “The Future of Asia Pacific Economies” held in December 1999 in Tokyo, a final report will be prepared in time for the Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings in Brunei in November 2000.

In their Declarations in both Kuala Lumpur in 1998 and Auckland in 1999, Leaders underscored the importance of knowledge as a key driver of future economic growth, and pledged to ensure that APEC economies be at the forefront of efforts at building and sharing expertise in this vital area. The KBE project takes on this challenge put forth by the Leaders. It aims to provide the analytical basis useful for promoting effective use of knowledge, and to accelerate the creation and dissemination of knowledge among APEC economies.

The EC initiated the KBE project in the mid-1999, and prepared a brief progress report for the Ministers in September, summarizing the outcome of an experts’ seminar held in Seoul in June and mapping out next steps. The work is carried forward by the three lead economies: Korea (Coordinator), Australia and Canada.

The work addresses following areas:

Assessment of knowledge infrastructure;

Policy environment conducive to expanding the knowledge base; and

Possible areas of APEC cooperation for promoting knowledge-based economies.

Korea organized a major symposium in Seoul in June to discuss preliminary results of the project and mobilize expertise on the subject from academia and major international institutions. A final report will be prepared in time for the Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings in Brunei in November 2000.

In addition to the two research projects mentioned above, the *APEC Economic Outlook* will review recent developments and short-term prospects of APEC economies, and address topical structural issues bearing on APEC policy priorities. The *2000 Outlook*, which is being coordinated by the Philippines, aims to pursue the new thinking about regional trading agreements (RTAs) and to focus on how the new regionalism can best serve the goal of multilateralism.

The Philippines hosted the 2000 APEC Economic Outlook Symposium in July in Manila to gather valuable inputs on the selected topical issues, particularly from the academia and other international organizations. The *2000 Outlook* will be published and released in time for the Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings in November.

Ad Hoc Policy Level Group on Small and Medium Enterprises

The Ad Hoc Policy Level Group on Small and Medium Enterprises (PLGSME) contributed to the TILF agenda through its various projects. One of them is the on-going project on the Training and Certification for Small Business Counselors Program. This particular project addressed the TILD priorities on capacity building, in particular in the need to increase the supply and enhance the skills of SME trainers/counselors to enable them to contribute to the economic growth and competitiveness of SMEs in the regional market.

Responding to an SME Ministers' instruction on the need to give close attention to identification and elimination of non-tariffs measures, PLGSME is now developing a methodology for reporting on the progress in identifying the major barriers and compliance costs to SMEs. The PLGSME has also held a Seminar on "Securing Initial Capital Funding for Start-up Companies - the Birth and Growth of Start-ups & SMEs in a Knowledge-Based Economy". The seminar was aimed at creating a forum for policy makers and business representatives from the APEC community to pool their wisdom for promoting the birth and growth of SMEs through venture capital and other sources of capital.

The PLGSME has also undertaken a Workshop on Electronic Commerce: Towards Building a Favourable Environment for an Accelerated Adoption of E-Commerce by APEC's SMEs. This initiative was aimed at identifying impediments to a more rapid adoption of electronic commerce.

APPENDIX III

MATRIX OF 2000 TILF OUTCOMES

(As of 21 September 2000)

1. Tariff/Non-Tariff Measures

Name of APEC Forum	2000 TILF Outcomes	Description/ Timeframe	Expected Benefits and Beneficiaries
1. Market Access Group (MAG)	Development of improved formats for the tariffs and non-tariff measures (NTMs) chapters of the IAP for use as templates in the e-IAP.	By 2000	<p>The reporting process for the IAP chapters on tariffs and NTMs is streamlined to be more specific, transparent and comprehensive.</p> <p>The electronic version allows economies to provide hyperlinks to other websites on tariffs (e.g. APEC Tariff Database) and NTMs. Member economies can thus provide depth without duplicating information</p>
2. MAG	A stock-take of work in the NTMs area by various fora, including identifying the types of NTMs, with a view to intensifying work on reducing and eliminating NTMs.	By 2000	<p>The stock-take of work in NTMs would increase transparency of NTMs to facilitate trade.</p> <p>It would also facilitate APEC member economies in the identification of commonly found NTMs, which can be prioritized as candidates for reduction.</p>
3. MAG	Discussed ideas for future NTMs work program	By 2000	<p>This would facilitate MAG future discussion on the development of an NTM work program, particularly with regards to substance, transparency and capacity building activities.</p> <p>The implementation of the work program would allow APEC to devise practical options for progressive reduction of NTMs.</p>

2. Services

Name of APEC Forum	2000 TILF Outcomes	Description/ Timeframe	Expected Benefits and Beneficiaries
1. Group on Services (GOS)	Development of the Policy Framework for Work on Services	<p>A task was mandated by the CTI in 1999 to strengthen APEC work on service trade and investment, taking into account the cross-cutting nature of the work.</p> <p>The Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a set of clear guiding principles for work on services, • identifies the scope, items, approaches and organizational structure for substantive work, and • recommends some mechanisms to ensure effective and efficient implementation. <p>The Framework was endorsed at the GOS and CTI in September 2000.</p>	<p>The Framework will ensure that APEC's work on services, in pursuit of the Bogor goal and in compliance with Osaka Action Agenda, delivers focused and outcome-oriented results in an effective and efficient manner.</p> <p>The Framework will build up closer inter-relationship of the GOS with other service-related fora, which will integrate different efforts in advancing APEC services work and produce coherent services work programs for APEC.</p> <p>The Framework can provide the public with a clear and comprehensive picture of APEC's work in the services area.</p> <p>The Framework will also add APEC value to the WTO service work through its implementation.</p>
2. GOS	Development of the Menu of Options for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and Promotion of Economic and Technical Cooperation in Service Trade and Investment	<p>The task emerged through the development of the Policy Framework.</p> <p>The Menu is expected to be a synthesis of the GOS' work to the present and also an organizational framework for GOS' future work.</p>	<p>The Menu will better organize the GOS' current and future work and facilitate more efficient operation of the GOS.</p> <p>The Menu will facilitate the IAP process for it can provide concrete elements for individual member economies to adopt based on the need of each economy, in</p>

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		<p>The Menu is non-binding but also provides broad and flexible options for individual member economies to draw reference from for the inclusion of actions into their IAPs.</p> <p>It was agreed to have three phases of development for the Menu of Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I is to be completed in October 2000. • Phase II, sponsored by TILF Fund, is scheduled for 2001. • Phase III is scheduled for 2002. 	<p>advancing their work on three-pillars for service trade and investment.</p> <p>+ The Menu will also contribute to advancing the work in the services area of the WTO.</p>
3. GOS	Identification of Measures Affecting Trade and Investment in Education Services	<p>This is a project designated to identify the measures affecting trade and investment in education services and study the impact on liberalization of such sector.</p> <p>The project is to be completed by the end of 2000.</p>	<p>The Project will enhance transparency in the area of education services and also increase the understanding of impact on liberalization of such sector.</p> <p>Government bodies, education services providers and recipients of education services can all benefit from the information and analysis provided in the outcome of the project.</p> <p>The proposal will also add “APEC value” to the WTO work in this area.</p>
4. GOS	APEC Seminar of Statistical Reporting on Service Trade	The Seminar invited statisticians and service trade experts from the WTO, UN, IMF, the U.S. and Hong Kong, China to update APEC member economies, especially developing member economies, the methodology for collection and reporting of	The Seminar increases dialogues between service trade and statistic authorities of member economies and promotes members’ awareness of the importance of service trade statistics.

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		<p>service trade statistics, and also explore the difficult issues involved in improve the statistics to more accurately and completely reflect the service trade.</p> <p>The Seminar was held in August 2000.</p>	<p>It also increases transparency by directing the way to interpret services trade statistics in light of the limits current statistics have.</p> <p>Government bodies that are directly involved in statistics reporting and analysis as well as in service trade policy making, and private sectors, like service suppliers and consumers will all be benefited by the Seminar for its contribution to the international efforts towards better and more detailed services trade statistics.</p> <p>The Seminar also responds to the need of the WTO in this area and therefore APEC value to the WTO process.</p>
5. GOS	Workshop on Service Trade Facilitation (2000)	<p>The Workshop emerged for implementation of the Policy Framework aiming to address the facilitation work identified in the Framework.</p> <p>The Workshop was held on 18 September 2000.</p>	<p>The Workshop can enhance the understanding of importance of facilitation in service trade and investment. It will contribute to the development of APEC Trade Facilitation Principles.</p> <p>It can also add APEC value to the work of WTO in this area.</p>
6. GOS	Improvement of Information Dissemination	<p>The work is to reorganize the structure of the content of GOS' web page at the APEC Secretariat website and upload the GOS activities-related papers to the web site as much as possible in a timely and organized manner.</p>	<p>The work has enhanced transparency and made the information flow among members more efficient.</p> <p>It can also facilitate the dialogue of the GOS and other service-related fora to improve coordination.</p>

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		<p>The work also adds useful links to other services-related site, including the sites of international organizations and member economies.</p> <p>The work is a continuous one and main part is completed in 2000.</p>	<p>The service industry and general public can also benefit from the outcome for they can be better informed of the GOS work and therefore may provide feedback for GOS to reflect on.</p>
7. Fisheries Working Group (FWG)	A Pilot Project "APEC Seafood Information Systems" (SIS)	<p>The objective of SIS is to build on existing databases and information services in FAO to develop a fully interactive internet-based system operated and financed by private industry.</p> <p>Project implementation started on February 21 2000. The commercial availability was widely discussed at the FWG 11th meeting in July 2000. By the end of this year, it is aimed to have a website up and running.</p>	<p>SIS will provide information to both private industry and governments, but its principal clients will be those in private business involved with day-to-day decisions dealing with production, trading and marketing of seafood. Consistent with APEC priorities, special attention will be given to the needs of small and medium-size enterprises (SME's).</p> <p>The plan is carrying out the pilot project in collaboration with FAO/GLOBEFISH as the primary contractor. Selected private sector firms in the participating economies are invited to participate in the project.</p>
8. Telecommunications Working Group (TELWG)	Interconnection Resources Project	<p>The objective of the project is to encourage trade and investment liberalization, business facilitation and economic-technical cooperation through the explanation of best practices in pricing and access to interconnection, simplified costing methodologies and benchmarks setting. The first stage of survey analysis has been posted</p>	<p>In all APEC economies, beneficiaries include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses supplying telecommunications services in newly liberalized markets; Regulators who facilitate interconnection negotiations; Ministers and Senior Officials seeking to meet WTO targets for liberalized markets.

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		<p>on the TELWG website.</p> <p>The Interconnection training Project is planning a 3-day training workshop and one day follow up session in June/July 2001.</p>	<p>The project will assist APEC member economies in developing effective interconnection arrangements to support competition in the telecommunications services market by delivering education and training directed at senior regulatory managers in government agencies, existing businesses and new market entrants.</p>
9. TELWG	Implementation of Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment	As of April 2000, nine economies (Australia; Canada; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Korea; Chinese Taipei; Peru; Singapore and the United States) are participating in the implementation of Phase I procedures.	<p>A general report on implementation identifying common challenges.</p> <p>A restricted-distribution report for each economy recommending specific work required to encourage implementation.</p> <p>A three-day workshop to share findings and results of previous work.</p> <p>A published report Training for implementation using the TEL Distance Learning Pilot Project</p>
10.TELWG	Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunications	The TELWG's WTO Task Force supports implementation of the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunications in WTO member economies. The Final Report has been posted on the TEL website.	This project is to help APEC WTO members conform to the WTO Agreement on Basic Telecommunications and to help APEC non-WTO members develop necessary steps to meet such an agreement. This project has APEC wide participation with all economies benefiting from detailed information specific to their economy's needs.

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11.TELWG	Survey on Policy Approaches towards Convergence of Telecommunications, Broadcasting and Computing Networks and Technologies	A Task Group surveys possible regulatory and policy approaches to accommodate convergence, and how the multimedia market is changing in APEC. A report is due to be published soon.	Would yield important information for economies' policy makers to aid them in their response to this issue.
12. TELWG	Study of International Charging Arrangements for Internet Services (ICAIS)	<p>The third TEL Ministerial Meeting (TELMIN 3) directed TELWG to undertake the study and, if and when appropriate, the development of compatible and sustainable international charging arrangement for Internet services.</p> <p>A report of the study was submitted at TELMIN 4 in Cancun in May 2000 and Ministers adopted the <i>APEC Principles for International Charging Arrangements for Internet Services</i> which was annexed to the Cancun Declaration.</p> <p>Ministers directed TELWG to continue to discuss the international development of the Internet, including charging arrangements and to report, as a matter of urgency, with appropriate recommendations to the next TELMIN.</p>	Information from this study will help inform and educate governments as to the workings of the Internet, how individual economies' Internet policies affect the Internet and vice versa. It will provide a valuable source of information to the region's industry and users, by highlighting the major factors affecting the price they pay for Internet services and for access.
13. TELWG	APEC Principles of Interconnection	The APEC TEL Interconnection Task Group developed the <i>APEC Principles of Interconnection</i> , which was adopted at TELMIN 4 and annexed to the Cancun Declaration.	Promotes competition in the telecommunications market.

Name of APEC Forum	2000 TILF Outcomes	Description/ Timeframe	Expected Benefits and Beneficiaries
		As of May 2000 ten economies have offered information on the timeframe for the implementation of these principles in their economies.	
14. Tourism Working Group (TWG)	Development of the APEC Tourism Charter (Seoul Declaration on an APEC Tourism Charter – A Ministerial Statement of Purposes and Intent)	APEC Tourism Ministers to endorse Tourism Charter during First APEC Tourism Ministerial Meeting on 4-7 July 2000.	The APEC Tourism Charter will acknowledge tourism as a key vehicle for achieving positive and sustainable economic, social, environmental and cultural outcomes in the APEC Region. The Charter establishes four policy goals and an agreed process for realizing these goals by liberalizing barriers; enhancing competitiveness; promoting positive policies for the development of Tourism; discouraging practices that have a negative impact on economies and on the image of Tourism and identifying emerging issues impacting upon Tourism.
15. TWG	Finalization of the Tourism Occupational Skill Standards Development in the APEC Region Bridging Project	Second semester of 2000	This APEC TWG Project will enable economies to identify and draw up the profile of competent workers for tourism services; identify the type and level of qualification suitable for the above; identify the key outcomes of these qualifications; develop competency standards; test the validity of the six performance levels as described in the First Phase of this Project and align existing competency standards and qualifications with those proposed.

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16. Energy Working Group (EWG)	Training and Communication Program for Energy Regulators on the Investment Benefits of Structural Reform	A workshop will be held in October 2000. Financial institutions, insurers and energy developers will play a leading role in the workshop, presenting the various practical tools and methods that they use to assess risk for individual projects. The workshop proceedings will be disseminated in November/December 2000.	Energy regulators will obtain a greater understanding of investment risks as perceived by private sector investors in energy infrastructure projects (including Independent Power Projects - IPPs) in the APEC region. Regulators will obtain an understanding of the importance of ensuring that their framework laws, policies and regulations do not unduly impede investments in energy infrastructure.
17. EWG	Study on Algorithm Development for Energy Performance Testing	The Study commence in July 2000. It will investigate and report on the scope for development of algorithms to be used for converting energy performance test results from one energy performance test method to another, thereby avoiding expensive repeat testing. The Study is expected to be finalized in February 2001.	The Study is aimed at assisting in achieving the very large potential benefits from increased trade in efficient energy-using products such as air-conditioners and domestic refrigerating appliances as a result of increased availability and reduced manufacture, purchase and running costs. There will be additional benefits such as reduced requirements for energy infrastructure and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
18. EWG	Strengthening Operational Aspects of APEC Energy Micro Economic Reform (Phase 1). The project aims to promote and implement a regional strategy for institutional strengthening and capacity building amongst APEC member economies in micro-economic reform of energy utilities.	A base-line study to identify the current status in relation to the priority policy principles for Independent Power Producers (IPPs) identified in the APEC-PECC Workshop on Improving Investor Confidence and Mobilising Capital is currently underway. These reports will feed into phase 2 of the project consisting of:	The aim of the project is to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an integrated report on APEC best practice principles in identifying and removing barriers to competition and trade in electricity within and between the APEC economies, and the design and implementation of microeconomic reform programs to promote private sector investment in and operation and development of energy sectors; and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying opportunities for and barriers and impediments to entry, competition and trade in electricity within and between the APEC economies; • identifying and assessing alternative models for structural and regulatory reform of the electricity sector industry to remove barriers to competition and trade and promote improved competition, efficiency and growth in energy supply to end users, both within and between member economies; and • identifying best practices in the development of legal and institutional arrangements necessary to implement the models, which facilitate the efficient regulation of the electricity supply industry infrastructure and the promotion of private sector investment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a manual of strategic principles, which can be used by individual economies to guide their process of designing, implementing and managing the reform of their electricity supply industry.
19. EWG	Comprehensive Linked Database on Mining and Energy Related Opportunities and Regional Legal Framework within APEC Member Economies – Phase 3	During 2000, the project will develop and implement strategies to ensure the ongoing management, integrity and financial independence of the APEC Network of Minerals and Energy Data from 1 July 2001.	The database provides members with a more complete and up-to-date assessment of their respective mining and energy sectors thereby assisting their strategic planning, definition of new trends, investment development, production, trade and transportation. It also provides benefits by attracting worldwide interest in minerals and energy exploration and development in member economies by facilitating and promoting worldwide access to the database via the Internet.

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20. EWG	Seminar/Workshop on "Promoting Trade and Investments in the Energy Sector among APEC Economies through EVSL"	A 3-day workshop will be held in the Philippines in December 2000. The Workshop will present and discuss recent applications of energy sector liberalization in various APEC economies with the view of providing such information and possible findings/recommendations to APEC economies that are considering similar actions.	Development of energy resources and utilization of energy typically require large capital investments and technical/financial commitments. Hence, the energy sector usually has been ahead of other sectors in paving the way for international trade and investments. The experience and lessons from energy sector liberalization will help other sectors of member economies in the drive towards early voluntary sectoral liberalization.
21. EWG	APEC Coal Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation Workshop	A workshop will be held in Viet Nam in November 2000. The workshop is a part of a series of workshops in developing economies. A collection of papers will be published and disseminated throughout APEC as seminar proceedings that address issues of relevance to these economies and the region as a whole. The workshop and workshop series develop strategies and solutions, and directly support economic and technical cooperation within APEC to address economy specific coal trade and investment issues.	Representatives from government, industry and academia will provide perspective of policy makers, of legal and financial experts, coal and technology suppliers, coal users, and energy consumers. Besides being of general interest to all APEC economies involved in the coal-based energy sector, the workshop will be of specific relevance to Viet Nam in addressing its coal trade and investment issues, as well as those of its APEC trading partners and other developing economies with similar challenges.

3. Investment

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1. Investment Experts' Group (IEG)	The 5 th APEC Investment Symposium	The main theme was “Regaining Economic Dynamism through Sustainable FDI” with the goal of exchanging views on what the APEC economies should do toward sustaining and stabilizing economic growth following the Asian economic crises.	Following through on the suggestions made at the Symposium would allow the APEC economies to move toward liberalizing their respective markets and providing favorable business environment for both foreign and domestic investors.
2. IEG	The Second Workshop to implement the Menu of Options	The Workshop provided private sector views from various economies regarding investment conditions and barriers in APEC economies. Also dispute mediation was one of the main issues that were discussed by the Group following the Workshop.	The Second Workshop to implement the Menu of Options provided useful insights and information toward strengthening the Menu of Options.
3. IEG	Discussions on start-up companies and venture capital	Chinese Taipei was assigned to follow closely the development of other APEC fora on the issue. The Group in principle welcomed the idea to include issues regarding venture capital and start-up companies into the Menu of Options.	The Group recognized the importance of start-up companies and venture capital to the development of an economy.
4. IEG	Cross references between IAPs and Menu of Options by APEC members	At the first IEG meeting, the members agreed to start making cross references between IAPs and Menu of Options as each member records its investment measures in its IAPs this year. The effective way to implement the referencing will be further considered inter-sessionally after Japan consults with the CTI.	A standard format would be utilized by all members which would effectively streamline the cross referencing.

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5. IEG	Finalization of the new e-IAP chapter format on investment	The Group assigned Japan to draft a proposed e-IAP chapter format on investment. The Group agreed on the new chapter format.	The e-IAP would ensure consistency of presentation and of contents in members' IAPs by the utilization of standardized templates by members.
6. IEG	The Menu of Facilities offered in a one-stop agency will be taken as reference for member economies	The Menu of Facilities offered in a one stop agency has been developed to facilitate investment in member economies by minimizing inconveniences and transaction costs. At the first IEG meeting, the Group requested members to use the Menu of Facilities as a guide for their needs.	Members' governments would benefit by reducing bureaucracy and delays. The business sector would benefit by easier access to information on investment and faster approvals and implementation of projects.
7. IEG	The Third Workshop on the Menu of Options	The workshops provide background information needed for implementing the Menu of Options.	The information provided in the workshops would facilitate the implementation of the Menu of Options.
8. IEG	Expansion of the option on "intellectual property rights" in the Menu of Options	The Group agreed to consult APEC-IPEG on IEG's proposal.	The expansion of the option on "intellectual property rights" would provide more comprehensive information on the issue.
9. IEG	Inclusion of "technology transfer" as a new option in the Menu of Options	The Group agreed to collect all members' comments on the language of the proposal and is finalizing at a later stage.	A final text approved by the Group would be a key step towards expanding the Menu of Options and making it more comprehensive.
10. IEG	Development of guidelines for the Workplan to create good investment climates in APEC economies	The Group assigned the U.S. to propose guidelines for the Workplan. Participation in the project is voluntary. A participating member economy, a consultative team comprised of several IEG members and a group of experts undertake steps to develop ideas on how to implement specific Menu options to fit the specific needs of the participating member economy.	The Workplan would benefit the participating member economy by implementing options from the Menu that would best apply to that economy and fit its specific needs. This project would facilitate participating member economies in creating good investment climates.

4. Standards and Conformance

Name of APEC Forum	Expected TILF Outcomes for 2000	Description/Timeframe	Expected Benefits and Beneficiaries
1. Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC)	Comprehensive review of progress on alignment with international standards	<p>Reviewed the alignment status of the standards in the four priority areas (electrical and electronic appliances, food labeling, rubber gloves and condoms, and machinery) and the additional priority area (safety and EMC standards of electrical and electronic equipment).</p> <p>Industrialized member economies to align their standards with international standards by the end of 2000 in the four priority areas.</p>	Benefits to producers and consumers from reduced technical barriers to trade, lower transactions costs, and better quality products at competitive cost.
2. SCSC	Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulation and Information Notes on Good Practice for Technical Regulation	Agreed to the Principles and Features of Good Practice for Technical Regulation and the Information Notes on Good Practice for Technical Regulation as reference documents for regulatory policy makers.	Provide member economies with guidance for adoption of efficient regulatory arrangements leading to reductions in technical barriers to trade.
3. SCSC	Review of the APEC Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program	Is currently conducting review of the APEC Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program, which was endorsed in 1996. To be identified member economies' capabilities and technical infrastructure development needs, and recommend priorities and mechanism by which needs might be addressed. The review will be completed prior to the first SCSC meeting in 2001.	Promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development to facilitate broader participation in mutual recognition arrangements.

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4. SCSC	Work program on trade facilitation in information technology products	Developed a work program on trade facilitation in information technology products in collaboration with the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI).	Benefits to manufacturers through simplified procedures in placing their products onto the markets.
5. SCSC	Implementation of the APEC Electrical MRA	Ongoing: Encouraging member economies to participate in the APEC Electrical MRA. Agreed to a common format for providing information in Part I of the arrangement as well as the process for participation in Parts II and III.	Enhanced trade in electrical and electronic equipment through lower costs while ensuring consumer safety.
6. SCSC	Statement of Commitment to Mutually Agreed Objectives between the SCSC and the Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs)	Developed a statement, which defines the relationship between the SCSC and the SRBs.	Benefit all APEC member economies through the building of standards and conformance capacity/competency and the development of mutual recognition arrangement.
7. SCSC	Participation in APLAC MRA	Asia Pacific Laboratory Cooperation (APLAC) will achieve its first APEC milestone – all developed member economies will be a signatory of the APLAC Mutual Recognition Agreement by the end of 2000.	Reduce costs and time required for trading goods through MRA.

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8. SCSC	The third APEC Conference on Standards and Conformance	Held in Bandar Seri Begawan on 15-16 September in conjunction with SOM III. Focused on the SCSC activities in trade facilitation; mutual recognition and conformance; developments in WTO/TBT Triennial Review; and developing mutual confidence in support of global trade.	Ready access to information of benefits to traders in export markets.
9. SCSC	Partners for Progress (PFP) project on standards and conformance	Ongoing (1996-2000). A training program will be held in Malaysia in November 2000.	Develop human resources by providing knowledge needed to establish and rationalize standards and conformity assessment schemes.
10. Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG)/SCSC	APEC Expert-Trainers-Executives Workshop on International Quality Assurance System for SME Competitiveness (IQAS II Project)	Completed training courses for executives of SMEs that integrate approaches for managing quality, environment and organizational changes in March 2000. Involved participation by 1,000 experts, trainers and SME executives from 500 organizations in 20 APEC member economies. Developed the SBM for Enterprise Competitiveness Handbook.	Build up human resources of APEC economies involved in quality assurance systems by applying quality management system standards.
11. SCSC	Follow-up activities arising from the Workshops on Food/Drug Interface	Endorsed the template for regulatory profile on food/drug interface. Will compile member economies' regulatory profiles and further develop a program to follow-up the project on Workshop on Food/Drug Interface.	Achieve transparency of information on the regulation of foods, medicines and related products.
12. SCSC	Training/Seminar on ISO/IEC Guides 65 & 62	Conducted a seminar in Korea in April 2000 and held a training course in Indonesia in August 2000.	Provide knowledge on international guidelines to the management and staff of accreditation bodies.

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13. SCSC	Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) Readiness Project	Held an MRA Evaluators' Training Workshop in April 2000 and undertook attachment training from March to June 2000, in Australia. Will undertake on-site evaluation of laboratory accreditation bodies in Peru and Mexico later this year.	Enable laboratory accreditation bodies to enter into MRAs.
14. SCSC	Update of the APEC Contact Points for Standards and Conformance Information	Expanded the APEC Contact Points to include each economy's SCSC contact points and participants in each SRB. Posted on APEC SCSC Homepage.	Easy access to authoritative standards and conformance information at minimum cost.
15. SCSC	2000 TILF project on Research on Food Labeling Laws, Regulations and Standards in APEC Member Economies	A follow-up project to compile and publish information on food labeling laws, regulations and standards. The updated report was published in September 2000.	Easy access to information on food labeling laws, regulations and standards in APEC region at minimum cost. Benefit food trade between APEC members.
16. SCSC	2000 TILF project on the establishment of a TIC-CAR database through a virtual APEC Cooperation Center for Conformity Assessment	Will establish a TIC-CAR (Testing, Inspection, Calibration, Certification, Accreditation and Mutual Recognition) database, which contains a comprehensive source of information about Conformity Assessment Operators (CAOs) in the APEC region. Data collection through a survey and determination of data presentation format will be completed by July 2001.	Easy access to information about conformity assessment operators and systems in member economies. Benefits to the industrial sectors, CAOs, venders, public procurement officers and authorities, universities, etc. who are interested in the conformity assessment systems in the region.
17. SCSC	IEC Asia-Pacific Forum	Held a forum with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on 15 February 2000 in Bandar Seri Begawan.	A more complete understanding of the benefits to governments and industries offered by participating in the standards activities of the IEC.

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18. SCSC	SCSC/EC Dialogue	Will explore the possibility of a dialogue with the European Commission (EC) on specific technical issues in February 2001.	Benefit all member economies through exchange of information of mutual interest.
19. SCSC	OECD Special Meeting on Technical Barriers to Trade	Sent a representative to OECD Special Meeting on Technical Barriers to Trade held in Paris in March 2000.	Easy access to information on TBT of non-APEC members.
20. SCSC	Revision to OAA Guidelines and Draft IAP Template	Recommended the revisions to the OAA Guidelines and drafted an IAP Template for the standards and conformance area.	Contributed to enhancing transparency of the Individual Action Plans.

5. Customs Procedures

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1. Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)	Technical Assistance for HS Convention	<p>Expert missions were dispatched to Brunei Darussalam and the Philippines in 2000. A technical assistance program on Customs Laboratory will be developed for PRC, Peru, Viet Nam and Chinese Taipei.</p> <p>Target deadline changed to 2002 in view of developments of the 2002 Version of the HS Convention.</p>	A standard international harmonized system for classification of goods would ensure a level playing field for business through the HS Convention.
2. SCCP	Handbook on Public Availability of Information	Update the Best Practices Handbook and Video/CD-Rom.	Traders will have easy access to all the pertinent information on customs laws, regulations, procedures, rulings and guidelines.
3. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Kyoto Convention	Malaysia and Thailand will be hosting a separate Kyoto workshop for present signatories and non-signatories, respectively, in 2000.	Private/business sectors will benefit from simplified and predictable customs procedures as required under the Kyoto Convention.
4. SCCP	Technical Assistance for WTO Valuation Agreement	<p>Completed technical assistance programs for original SCCP members.</p> <p>Technical assistance will be provided to Russia by end of 2000.</p> <p>Target date: 2000</p>	A standard procedure for valuing goods would facilitate trading activities.
5. SCCP	Technical Assistance for TRIPS	<p>Completed technical assistance programs for Chile, Philippines, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Peru, Viet Nam and People's Republic of China.</p> <p>Target date: 2000</p>	To implement border enforcement procedures to protect intellectual property rights.

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6. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Clear Appeal Provisions	Completed technical assistance programs for original SCCP members. Developing a technical assistance program for Vietnam and Russia. Target date 2000	
7. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Advance Classification Ruling System	The technical assistance program for this CAP item would be completed following mission dispatched to Brunei Darussalam by end 2000. Target date 2000	Simplified customs procedures provided prior to importation will help traders make sound business decisions.
8. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Temporary Importations	An Americas Regional Advisory Mission is planned for fall 2000 to Chile, Mexico and Peru. Target date 2000.	To implement the terms of the A.T.A. Carnet and Istanbul Conventions, the standard procedures for admitting goods on a temporary basis for commercial samples, trade fairs and exhibitions.
9. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Common Data Elements	Completed the first phase of collecting data and starting with Phase 2, which includes economies who wish to continue harmonization of data elements with what is being developed by the G7 economies.	To facilitate exchange of information and provide a foundation for electronic commerce.
10. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Risk Management	A multi-lateral approach for delivering all technical assistance missions will be provided to requesting member economies. Target date: 2002	Facilitate the movement of low-risk shipments through a more flexible approach implemented by customs administration.
11. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Express Consignments Clearance	To implement the WCO Guidelines on Express Consignments Clearance, the international standard for clearance of express goods. Assessment missions will be	Facilitation of time-sensitive importations with custom procedures designed to permit rapid, reliable delivery services.

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		conducted Peru, Indonesia and Viet Nam. A Regional Overview Seminar will be held in an Asian economy. Target date: 2001.	
12. SCCP	Technical Assistance for Integrity	Stocks take of current activities and follow-up by Integrity survey on issue area. Each administration to develop a Code of Conduct as an early deliverable. Target date: 2001 Integrity Self Assessment Workshop to assist economies in the development of Integrity Improvement Action Plans. Target date: Early 2001	Reduces wasted resources due to revenue leakage, low staff morale and public trust and confidence. Will increase the level of voluntary compliance. Will reduce unnecessary barriers to international trade and economic growth. Will educate staff and promote the sharing of information and experience between administrations to help improve integrity levels amongst economies in the region.
13. SCCP	Publication of an SCCP Blueprint	Target date: 2000	An effective communication tool as it provides information to private/business sector with up-to-date information on the activities undertaken by the SCCP.
14. SCCP	Development of an Assessment/Evaluation Framework for SCCP CAPs	Developing a qualitative approach to be used to identify future technical assistance requirement and quantitative measurement on import process measurement.	To assess the implementation of SCCP CAPs, in particular the multi-year technical assistance programs.
15. SCCP	To develop and implement "paperless trading" initiatives Or Reducing the requirement for paper	Identify what paper documents each APEC Customs administration requires via questionnaire responses. Target date: 2001	Recognize and tailor different electronic requirements/capabilities of member economies.

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	documents needed in customs and other cross border trade administrations.	<p>Through an assisted process of self-assessment, identify specific areas for the removal of paper documents in each economy.</p> <p>Each economy will develop its own Paperless Trading Action/Implementation Plan based on analysis of self-assessment results.</p> <p>Target date: 2002</p>	<p>Identify and address requirements for paper documentation.</p> <p>Reduction of unnecessary barriers to international trade and economic growth.</p> <p>Faster clearance through better management practice.</p> <p>Reduced delays for industry and cost saving.</p>

6. Intellectual Property Rights

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1. Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group (IPEG)	Joint Statement on the WTO/TRIPS Agreement Implementation	The Joint Statement on the WTO/TRIPS Agreement Implementation was adopted at the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade held in June 2000	Commitment of APEC economies concerning TRIPS implementation and technical cooperation was reconfirmed.
2. IPEG	Endorsement of the WIPO Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Well-known Marks	The IPEG members endorsed the WIPO Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Well-known Marks.	The protection of Well-Known marks will be pulled up to the certain level and the transparency of the protection will be enhanced.
3. IPEG	APEC/IPEG Separate meeting on IPR Enforcement	APEC/IPEG Separate meeting on IPR Enforcement was held to exchange information relating IPR enforcement issues between the private and public sector in July 2000.	Information exchange between the private and public sector will promote effective and efficient IPR enforcement.
4. IPEG	APEC/Partners for Progress (PFP) Project on Management of Industrial Property Rights	Ongoing (1996-2000). The 5 th course will be held in Thailand in November and December 2000.	Human resources will be developed by providing knowledge needed to administer the IP system including such areas as enforcement, public awareness activities and the usage of IP information.

7. Competition Policy/Deregulation

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1. Competition Policy and Deregulation Group (CPD)	Fourth APEC PFP Training Program on Competition Policy	March 2000	Capacity Building in Competition and Regulatory Agencies
2. CPD	Revised e-IAP templates for the Competition Policy and Deregulation Chapters	June 2000	Review of IAPs
3. CPD	APEC Economic Legal Infrastructure Symposium	July 2000	Implementation of “Strengthening of Markets”
4. CPD	2000 APEC SME Workshop	September 2000	Implementation of “Strengthening of Markets”
5. CPD	APEC Seminar on WTO issues (Investment and Competition)	August / October 2000	Building confidence onto “new issues” among APEC economies

8. Government Procurement

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1. Government Procurement Experts' Group (GPEG)	Voluntary Review of Members' GP Systems	<p>Voluntary review reports on consistency of their GP systems with the NBPs for GP have been undertaken by four member economies.</p> <p>New Zealand has completed its review report. Hong Kong, China; Chinese Taipei; and Australia have undertaken to report to GPEG at, or before, the September meeting of the Group.</p> <p>Further program of voluntary reviews considered at September meeting.</p>	The voluntary reviews and reports to GPEG should reinforce the IAP process by helping members to assess their progress, and plan further steps, towards the Bogor Goals in GP.
2. GPEG	Agreed format for inclusion in Members' IAPs as reference for voluntarily bringing their GP systems into conformity with the NBPs.	Completed	The reporting process for the IAP chapter on GP is streamlined to be more specific, transparent and comprehensive.
3. GPEG	Proposals to enhance transparency of Members' GP systems	At September GPEG meeting, it was agreed to report on the consistency of GP regimes with the transparency non-binding principle at GPEG meeting in February 2001.	Improved transparency of GP should improve competitive opportunity for business in the region
4. GPEG	Possible further GPEG contributions to the WTO Working Group on Transparency in GP	GPEG will continue to work with the WTO Working Group on Transparency on GP and include this in the CAP.	Improved transparency of GP should improve competitive opportunity for business in the region

9. Mobility of Business People

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<p>1. Informal Experts' Group on the Mobility of Business People (IEGBM)</p>	<p>Temporary Residency</p> <p>Implementation of agreement-in-principle on streamlined arrangements for processing intra company transfers of executives and senior managers</p> <p>Develop options paper on possibilities for extending streamlined arrangements to specialists and other key personnel</p>	<p>Economies to implement agreed in-principle evaluation framework for intra company transferees of executives and senior managers and survey progress by all economies – by September 2000.</p> <p>Group to survey processing arrangements of 'intra company transfer specialists' of all economies.</p> <p>Develop options for extending streamlined processing arrangements and benchmark service standards to the processing of specialists (and key personnel who are not intra-company transferees) – by end 2000.</p>	<p>Promote international competitiveness and facilitate business and investment growth through the ready availability of key personnel</p> <p>Removal of unnecessarily complex procedures for business will speed up the capacity for business to move staff quickly, reducing the cost of international trade and investment</p>
<p>2. IEGBM</p>	<p>Information Exchange</p> <p>APEC Business Residency Handbook: Maintain and update Handbook detailing temporary business residency and short term business residency requirements in each APEC economy.</p>	<p>Updated on the internet throughout the year as economies provide information to the APEC Secretariat.</p> <p>The handbook can be found at: www.apecsec.org.sg/travbook/cover.html</p>	<p>Convenient reference guide for business people who travel on business within the APEC region, or who intend to take up temporary residence in an APEC economy.</p>

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3. IEGBM	Capacity Building in Immigration in Immigration Facilitation Techniques	<p>Determine scope for sharing of technical training resources within APEC – by end 2000</p> <p>Develop an evaluation strategy and survey all economies in respect of the success of TILF funded document fraud training undertaken – by September 2000 (completed)</p> <p>Implement approved TILF Capacity Building project in 2000-2001. There are three phases to this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation Workshop (completed August 2000) • Data Gathering and Analysis (from October to December 2000) • Technical Cooperation Groups to deliver training in travel document fraud techniques, according to needs identified by economies (from February to June 2001) 	<p>Enhance economies' capacity to access sustainable skills training information and resources</p> <p>Evaluation information will enable the design of a work program in technical training and assistance for 2000-2001</p> <p>Build on previous training to enhance economies' capacity to manage and provide efficient streamlined border management services to business travelers</p>
4. IEGBM	Expand participation in APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme	Thailand joined the scheme in February 2000 and Peru has recently announced its participation. The ABAC has set a target of 12 economies participating by end of year 2000.	An increased number of cards available to business people and a greater number of participating economies.
5. IEGBM	Expansion of Business Mobility homepage on the Internet	Ongoing	Provide business community with access to information on the progress made in the implementation of the Business Mobility agenda.

10. TILF General

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1. Economic Committee (EC)	APEC Economic Outlook 2000	Will be prepared in time for the Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings in November 2000.	The 2000 Outlook addresses the TILF agenda by looking into a new thinking on regional trading arrangements, with particular focus on the implications to the multilateral trading system, as well as policy measures and new areas of cooperation within APEC.
2. EC	APEC Economies beyond the Asian Crisis ("beyond-the-Crisis" project)	Will be prepared in time for the Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings in November 2000.	The "beyond-the Crisis" project highlights the factors shaping the future of APEC member economies, and outlines likely scenarios for growth and trade in the APEC region.
3. EC	Towards a Knowledge-based Economy ("KBE project)	Will be prepared in time for the Ministers' and Leaders' Meetings in November 2000.	The KBE project provides analytical basis useful for promoting effective use of knowledge, in addition to accelerating the creation and dissemination of knowledge among APEC economies. The study has identified that TILF is one of the measures to promote the KBE.
4. Working Group on Trade Promotion (WGTP)	Core Characteristics Survey (CCS) III of APEC Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs)	The third edition of CCS is close to completion, while the fourth edition will be completed by Australia in 2001.	The survey provides an overview of the current functions and roles of TPOs and will reflect trends and changes that are taking place. The sharing of experience and information will assist economies in developing strategies for trade promotion.

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5.WGTP	APECNet	Launched during June 1998, the APECNet website will continue to mature through the addition of two-way hyperlinks to the websites of the trade promotion organizations of member economies as well as UNCTAD GTPNet as approved during SOM 1999.	Frequently used by business communities in the region, the site provides businesses easy access to trade-related information, including activities and opportunities. The average monthly hit-rate recorded around 5,000 during the 6-month period leading to January 2000.
6.WGTP	APEC Seminar on Logistics Management	The seminar, held on 27-29 April 2000 in Chinese Taipei, featured speeches by industrial professionals from manufacturing, imports/ exports and global forwarding services; presentations by member economies and a tour of the industry.	Enhanced awareness of the significant role played by logistics management in the development of international trade; improved understanding of current developments in member economies and exploration of further regional cooperation / business opportunities by participants.
7.WGTP	Training for Building Skill on Marketing Strategy	The training program was held on 19-23 June 2000 in Indonesia and featured speeches, case studies and a business tour. The topics included global marketing strategies, marketing information systems and e-commerce, cost and pricing strategy, cross-cultural communication and negotiation skills.	Enhanced marketing skills and expertise of participants, especially those from SMEs, to adapt to the fast changing global business environment.
8. WGTP	Seminar on Product Packaging	The seminar is to be held in Tokyo on 2-5 October 2000 and will feature lectures by Japanese experts, presentations of participants, a visit to a packaging exhibition (TOKYO PACK 2000) and tours of the industry.	Improved expertise among participants in product packaging through knowledge/information sharing and business networking; increased international competitiveness with value-added products through improved product packaging.

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9. WGTP	Fourth APEC International Trade Fair 2000	The Fair will take place on 18-22 October 2000 in Jakarta, Indonesia, to introduce and promote products, from within the APEC region.	The Trade Fair is expected to provide a platform for businessmen to network and locate prospective partners and to facilitate the exploration of business opportunities.
10. WGTP	Business Consultation Forum (BCF) during the APEC Fair	The Forum will take place during the 4 th APEC Fair, from 19-21 October 2000 in Jakarta, Indonesia.	The Forum is expected to provide first hand information on how to penetrate APEC and non-APEC markets. Companies attending the APEC Fair will participate in the forum.
11. WGTP	Reverse Exhibitions	The Reverse Exhibitions sponsored by Japan will provide exhibiting Japanese-affiliated companies with the opportunity to meet and sign sourcing agreements with local suppliers from within the APEC region. One exhibition has already been held in Indonesia and others will take place this year in China, Singapore and the U.S. respectively.	These exhibitions are expected to provide opportunities for buyers to establish contacts with prospective suppliers, thereby boosting trade among member economies.
12. Agriculture Technical Cooperation Experts Group (ATCEG)	Workshop on Capacity Building, Risk Assessment and Communications in Agricultural Biotechnology	The workshop will be held in Vancouver in October 2000 by self-fund. This workshop will be followed by the workshop scheduled in 2001 under a TILF project.	The expected benefits are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better understanding of various approaches in risk assessment / management. - Harmonization of approaches in APEC member economies.

**SUMMARY OF WORK PLANS/PROGRESS¹ ON NTMs, FACILITATION AND ECOTECH
IN EVSL SECTORS DURING 2000**

No	Sector	NTMs	Facilitation	Ecotech
1	Forest Products	<p>A consultant has been engaged to conduct a study on NTMs. The study will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a comprehensive inventory of non-tariff measures and other policies impeding or distorting the trade of forest products; • an enumeration of the most frequently used measures/policies; and • a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the impact of these measures/policies on trade, including a broader analysis of the policy goals underlying those measures/policies and the economic and environmental costs and benefits stemming from their application. <p>The Study has been completed. Two copies of the final report were circulated to member economies prior to the CTI Meeting in February 2000. CTI agreed at its 2nd meeting in May 2000 to the</p>	<p>Work to be undertaken by the SCSC. Three Ad Hoc technical groups have been established to facilitate and support coordinated regional input into the development of international standards in the forest products sector.</p>	<p>Significant progress in enhancing forest management and in facilitating trade liberalization in this sector should be achieved by December 2002. To meet these goals, 3 ecotech proposals have been approved by the BMC in July for implementation from Year 2000 onwards, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Research on the Method of Assessing Forest Resources by Remote Sensing; (b) Study on Methods to detect and control forest damage areas caused by insects and diseases with Remote Sensing, GIS and GPS; and (c) Internet-oriented Multimedia Database of Assessment, Utilisation and the Trade of Wood of Main Tree Species in APEC members. <p>Work on (a) and (c) would be commencing soon. Meanwhile, a 4th project, “An Investigation and Exchange of Information on the Critical Factors Affecting the Trade and Export of Furniture of APEC Developing Economies in the Global Market” was recently approved by BMC for implementation in 2001. The objective of the project is to provide a forum for the investigation and sharing of</p>

¹ Extracted from detailed updated status reports as well as on latest known/available information.

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		<p>public release of report. It is available on the APEC Secretariat Homepage at the URL address: http://www.apecsec.org.sg/pubs/freepubs.html#2000</p>		<p>information on the critical factors affecting the trade and export of furniture of APEC developing economies in the global market.</p>
2.	Environmental goods and services	<p><u>NTMs</u>: Experts developed a "Common Indicative List of NTMs" and a matrix to facilitate submission of more specific NTMs. A summary report of the submissions was expected on 30 June 1999.</p> <p><u>Services</u>: The Consolidated list of services developed in 1998 formed the basis of work in 1999. A dialogue would be initiated among appropriate government officials to develop the specific elements of services liberalization in the environmental sector that would help to ensure open and competitive markets.</p> <p>The process of identifying steps to liberalise the sector was to commence in Jan 2000.</p> <p>At its meeting last February, the CTI agreed that the services component would be incorporated into the workplan of the Group on Services (GOS). Subsequently, GOS which met on 18-19 February agreed that it could proceed as</p>	Nil	<p>Develop initiatives by drawing on existing resources and through existing channels such as the ISTWG's Cleaner Production Task Force and other APEC WGs/Committees. So far, 2 ecotech proposals have been approved by the BMC for implementation in 1999/2000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of Environmental Markets in APEC; and • Study on Impacts of Financial Crisis in SE Asia on Trade Liberalization in Environmental Goods and Services within APEC Economies. <p>Both projects are underway. The former is scheduled for completion end October 2000 while the latter is expected to complete in September 2001.</p>

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		<p>follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the work to be carried out should not go beyond the scope delineated by the Environmental EVSL Group and any ambiguity of the scope of work could be resolved through consultation with the Environmental EVSL Group; • the GOS to support the WTO process in environmental services liberalization but not to duplicate the work of WTO, and • due attention to be paid to the work already undertaken by other fora/subfora as pointed out by the Coordinator of the Environmental EVSL Group, and only to work on the part that could add value to the existing APEC or global work programs, not the part overlapping the other fora's work. 		
3	Fish and fish products	The APEC Fisheries Working Group (FWG) agreed to assume general responsibility for the work arising out of the EVSL initiative as proposed by the Fish EVSL Experts Group coordinator.		

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		<p><u>NTMs</u>: Notification process via survey commenced in 1998. Not all economies have responded (Japan indicated it would not participate). The US will make a final request for information from the remaining economies and then complete the project based on available data prior to the next FWG meeting.</p> <p><u>Subsidies</u>: The “Study into the Nature and Extent of Subsidies in the Fisheries Sector in APEC Member Economies” has been completed. The report is being commented on member economies. Subject to further circulation and agreement of the final text by member economies, the study is to be “de-restricted” as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) Measures</u>: An independent analysis of SPS measures to be completed by 1 July 2001. As a start, survey to collate information circulated. Nine economies have responded to survey. Others were given until 1 July 1999 to submit their responses.</p>		<p>Develop themes or general ideas for ecotech projects aimed at contributing to the goals of fisheries conservation, trade facilitation and liberalization.</p> <p>One project, "Reduce Impediments to Early Voluntary Liberalization in the Fish Sector" was approved by BMC in 1998. The project was subsequently amended by the FWG, endorsed by BMC, to make it more relevant and reflective of recent APEC developments. The completion of the project is delayed and a six-month extension has been sought.</p> <p><u>International Cooperation in Fisheries Conservation and Management</u>: FWG to oversee work program, which aims to encourage member economies' cooperation to establish or strengthen sub-regional or regional fisheries conservation and management organisations or arrangements. It will compile and update an inventory and description of its past work in this field. The final report is to be expected to be ready for the 2000 Leaders' meeting.</p>

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4.	Toys	<p>Six economies have responded to the counter-notification of NTMs exercise, aimed at finalising a list of existing, technical, regulatory and other unjustified NTMs by the end of 1999.</p> <p>Of these, four economies replied that their traders did not encounter any unjustified NTMs maintained by other members.</p> <p>As a result of further explanation/justification provided by those economies named in the counter-notification exercise, members agreed in Jan 00 that there were no major NTMs in the toys sector at the moment. However, since the identification of NTMs was an on-going process, members agreed that they should continue to consult their industries and notify other members if any additional NTMs in the sector were identified.</p> <p>Based on the NTMS identified by the group, one generic NTM – various requirements in respect of product quality, standard and safety maintained by APEC members- has been identified in the toys sector. Coordinator has notified the Convenor of the Market Access Group (MAG) on this.</p>	<p>Initiatives being explored, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>an MRA on toys</u> - The SCSC Chair advised that SCSC is not ready to have an MRA on toys. However, the issue could be considered by the SCSC again in future when all member economies are comfortable with the issue. • <u>Hyperlink relevant database on toys with APEC Homepage</u> - members agreed to get in touch with the liaison persons of their economies for the APECNet to hyperlink the websites of the trade promotion organisations and toys websites, if any, in their economies with their respective homepages on the APECNet, if this has not been done. • <u>Adoption of the ISO standard #8124 on toys safety</u> – Members are encouraged to adopt and implement the standard. A Seminar on Implementation of the ISO Toy Safety Standards has been designed to help economies implement the standard. 	<p>To facilitate the implementation of the toys EVSL initiative, two Ecotech proposals were approved by the BMC in July 1999 for implementation. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Implementation of the ISO Toy Safety Standard. • Program of Training and Development of Designers and Sample Makers in the Toys and Novelties Industry. <p>The Seminar on the ISO Global Toy Safety Standard, IS 8124 was held on 20-22 March 2000 in Hong Kong. The Seminar attracted 256 participants, including both government officials and private sector representatives, from 10 APEC economies. Topics discussed in the Seminar included the ISO standard and its relationship to the current U.S. and EU voluntary standards, and the role of governments in ensuring toy safety. There were also hands-on testing demonstrations highlighting technical methods of ensuring compliance with the ISO standard. All relevant materials of the Seminar are now available on the Internet at www.ita.doc.gov/td/ocg/ecotech/seminar.html.</p> <p>The completion of latter project will be delayed. BMC has approved an extension of the disbursement to September 2001. In the meantime, the Project Overseer has extended invitations to member economies for nominations of experts/consultants to bid for the project as well as participate in the training program.</p>

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5.	Gems and jewelry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of NTMs will be an on-going exercise. • So far, 4 economies have submitted notifications of NTMs in other economies and most economies have responded to these notifications with justifications. • Economies to incorporate plans to eliminate/reduce any unjustifiable NTMs into their IAPs for the year 2000, and annually thereafter until the end of 2005. <p><i>(PRC not able to commit to time schedule on NTMs at this stage, pending further development).</i></p>	<p>Following proposals being developed by lead economies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up an APEC Gems and Jewelry Trade Website on the internet to enable the gems and jewelry industries in APEC economies to communicate and exchange information with each other (<i>Lead economy: Hong Kong China</i>); • Develop a uniform code of terminology and standards associated with the pearl trade. (<i>Lead economy: Australia</i>); • Develop a common quality / nomenclature system for gemstones to avoid confusion and misunderstanding in defining the quality and in providing proper disclosure of treatment/enhancement processes. (<i>Lead economy: Hong Kong China</i>); • Develop standardized testing methods for the technical quality of jewelry. (<i>Lead economy: United States/Hong Kong China</i>) • Adopt a common standard in marking orders of precious metals. (<i>Lead economy: Hong Kong China</i>) 	<p>Various proposals being developed to promote joint research and development, cooperation, flows of technological information and enhance educational and training.</p> <p>Two projects were approved by BMC for implementation in 1999/2000, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development/ Implementation of Training Programs and Establishment of APEC Assay Centre for Jewelry Testing, Assaying and Hallmarking for APEC Member economies – <i>Project is into its last phase of implementation. The training module has been finalized and a “Seminar-Workshop on Fine Jewelry Assaying and Hallmarking Among APEC Economies” has been scheduled for 18-19 September 2000 at the Hong Kong Productivity Fine Jewelry Centre. The Project will be completed by end-October 2000.</i> • APEC Gems and Jewelry Trade and Technology Seminar - <i>The Seminar was held in Beijing on 15-19 May 2000.</i> <p>The submission of another project, “Workshop on Gems and Jewelry for APEC SMEs and Exhibition for Indonesia's Gems and Jewelry” will be deferred till 2001.</p> <p>Australia hosted an APEC Jewelry Conference in Melbourne from 28-29 August 2000, a self-funded ecotech project approved by the CTI.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a mechanism for information exchange on product standards and nomenclature, marking, testing and certification procedures (<i>To be coordinated with the SCSC</i>). 	
6.	Chemicals	<p>Compile an inventory to NTMs based on members self and cross notification by Sep 99. Economies to begin phasing out unjustifiable NTMs starting 1 Jan 2000.</p> <p>To-date, only four submissions received. The coordinator submitted the chemical NTM inventory and identified generic NTMs to the MAG Convenor with a recommendation that the MAG consider the chemical NTM inventory as part of its work program. For some issues where an appropriate APEC sub-forum is readily apparent, coordinator suggested that generic NTMs could be forwarded to such sub-fora.</p> <p>However, no economy has had an opportunity to respond to NTMs notified against it as the inventory has not been circulated to the chemical EVSL experts group. Therefore, the phase-out of</p>	<p><u>Alignment of Standards and Testing:</u> A work program is underway to facilitate member economies' participation in international standards/ harmonisation activities. A regional core inventory of chemical substances being developed. This element is also being implemented through ecotech workshops. Please see "Ecotech" section for a listing of workshops held in 1999. The industry is willing to compile an inventory if economies reaffirm their interest.</p> <p><u>Facilitation and liberalization of customs regulatory procedures:</u> Compile a list of customs barriers faced by chemical industries and onward transmission to the SCCP for its consideration and incorporation in their work plans.</p> <p>Although no comments were received on this element, a number However, a number of the NTM</p>	<p>Ecotech programs aimed at extending a responsibility program such as Responsible Care, strengthening the capacity of economies to address NTMs and technical assistance and training programs to help regulators in APEC economies, will continue to be conducted by industry on an ongoing basis. The ecotech program throughout the region is conducted by the Asia-Pacific Chemical Industry Coalition.</p> <p>Several workshops on labelling regulations and Material Safety Data sheets (MSDS) training were held -- in China, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines and Thailand. Other events such as a workshop on emergency response and occupation occupation safety for China petrochemicals was held in Qingdao in April 2000; a training course on chemical risk assessment and environmental toxicology was held in the Philippines in September 2000, and a meeting with the Mexican Institute of National Ecology to develop plans for the creation of a national reference chemical list was held in Mexico City in June 2000. A second follow-up meeting is planned for October 2000.</p>

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		<p>unjustifiable NTMs has also been delayed.</p> <p><u>Investment:</u> Undertake a review of investment policies affecting this sector. Compilation of this information will be forwarded to IEG prior to SOM II, 1999. No response from IEG.</p>	<p>notifications received as input for the NTM study cited customs facilitation issues. Coordinator has identified these customs facilitation issues and recommended to MAG that they be forwarded to the SCCP.</p>	
		<p><u>Briefing by Industry Representative</u></p> <p>At CTI III in Sep 2000, CTI agreed to the Asia-Pacific Chemical Industry Coalition's (APCIC) to set up a chemical dialogue, in which senior government and industry representatives would meet regularly. The coordinator will develop the Terms of Reference for the Dialogue for CTI's review and begin planning for the 1st meeting of the Dialogue. Discussion would focus on trends and challenges facing the industry, opportunities for expanding trade, non-tariff measures, facilitation, and ecotech.</p>		
7.	Energy	<p>Process of self and counter notification started and to be completed by 31 Aug 99 with the aim reaching consensus on a final list of unjustifiable NTMs to be eliminated by 19 Nov 99 through a virtual meeting. Target to commence phasing out unjustifiable NTMs with regular reporting through the IAP process from Dec 99 onwards. However, work in this area was delayed as a result of the non-completion in the justification process of NTMs.</p> <p>Coordinator has forwarded a list of identified NTMs (not agreed) the MAG Convenor for consideration</p>	<p>Specific implementation plan and timetable for facilitation and ECOTECH measures in accordance with EWG's work plans.</p>	

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		<p>by MAG at its September meeting.</p> <p><u>Services</u></p> <p>The Co-ordinator has written to the CTI Chair recommending the following approach for the services component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APEC Energy Working Group (EWG) to undertake work on energy services best practice; and • GOS to consider the EWG work (once it is completed) and fill in the gaps between the EWG work and the EVSL Energy Services program as appropriate. The GOS could consult the EWG as appropriate. <p>On the former, EWG has endorsed a Work Program to identify best practice principles for energy services which will consist of a series of workshops throughout the region that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education on the nature and benefits of energy services • Identify government policies and practices, including barriers, affecting the development and provision of energy services within 		

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		<p>individual economies; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify how government policies and practices can be changed, removed, or made less restrictive. <p>A report on how the EWG program will proceed will be provided to EWG 20 in October 2000.</p>		

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8.	Medical equipment and instruments	<p>Work plan to phase out unjustifiable NTMs was to have been finalised by end Dec 99.</p> <p>Thus far, 5 economies have submitted cross-notifications, 4 economies have responded with nil returns and 1 economy indicated that it was still working on the cross-notifications.</p> <p>Coordinator circulated a compiled list of NTMs on 11 Oct 99. Only 6 economies identified in the cross-notification exercise provided responses by 31 Dec 99.</p> <p>Based on the NTMs identified by this group, the Coordinator has provided the MAG Convenor with a list of generic NTMs on 31 March 2000.</p>	<p>APEC economies are encouraged to work with the Global Harmonisation Task Force (GHTF) which discusses and provides guidance on harmonisation work in this sector.</p> <p>The trade facilitation proposal, "Harmonisation of Medical Equipment Regulation for Increased APEC Trade and Patient Benefits" integrates all the 3 non-tariff components of the medical equipment and instrument EVSL initiative. The US Trade Facilitation Paper was tabled at the "Seminar for Government Regulators/ Harmonisation of Medical Equipment Regulation" on 1-2 March 2000, and at the AHWP Meeting on 3 March 2000.</p> <p>Regulators and industry representatives at the Seminar and AHWP meeting were requested to evaluate the trade facilitation paper, and consider the issues involved in embracing and implementing these guiding principles.</p>	<p>To facilitate the implementation of liberalization of trade in medical equipment and instruments, two ecotech proposals have been developed and approved for APEC funding by BMC, viz:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar for Government Regulators/ Harmonisation of Medical Equipment Regulation – <i>The "Seminar for Government Regulators/ Harmonisation of Medical Equipment Regulation" was conducted on 1-2 March 2000 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Singapore. The Seminar covered topics such as Quality System Requirements and Guidance, Pre-market Review, Vigilance and Post-Market Surveillance, and Auditing.</i> • Establishment of Best Practices in Evaluation of Product Certification Applications and Monitoring System for Medical Equipment and Devices - <i>The project promotes Good Manufacturing Practices in production facilities, public health and safety, eliminates counterfeiting of medical devices and equipment, improves transparency in import requirements, and increases trade flow. A study tour, one of the 4 phases of the Project, is being organized to 5 economies for government regulators of medical equipment and devices.</i>

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9.	Telecommunications Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)	<p>The Telecommunications Equipment Mutual Recognition Arrangement (TEL MRA) was endorsed at the Third APEC Ministerial Meeting on the Telecommunications and Information Industry in June 1998. Follow-up work is undertaken by the TEL MRA Task Force, which was set up under the auspices of the APEC Telecommunications Working Group.</p> <p>The TEL MRA is now moving into the implementation stage. As of April 2000, nine economies are ready to participate in Phase I (Mutual Recognition of Test Reports). The economies are: Australia; Canada; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Korea; Peru; Singapore; Chinese Taipei and USA. For Phase II (Mutual Recognition of Equipment Certification), seven economies (Australia; Canada; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Singapore; Chinese Taipei and USA) will be ready to participate by 2000.</p> <p>To facilitate the implementation process, 3 projects have been approved by the Telecommunications Working Group (TELWG). One proposal, "TEL MRA Implementation Support Project" is in its final stages of implementation and will be completed soon. The other 2 projects, "APEC MRA-HRD Training Design Project" and "MRA-HRD Delivery Project: Orientating and Training Regulators for MRA Implementation" are in its planning stage pending completion of the 1st project.</p> <p>In addition the TELWG has approved the development of the APEC TEL Mutual Recognition Arrangement Management System (MRAMS), an internet-based information management and communication tool designed to assist economies with the implementation of the MRA.</p>		
10.	Food ²	<p>Notification of NTMs incorporating relevant comments from economies has been completed.</p> <p>Some generic groups of NTMs have been identified for possible attention. The MAG will consider at its next meeting what additional work might be undertaken.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged greater participation in Food MRA approved by Ministers in 1996, including via technical infrastructural development activities. • Encouraged alignment of food labelling standards. 	<p>The Chinese proposal for a <i>Seminar on Reduction of Antibiotic Residues in the Domestic Animal Products</i> was approved by BMC in Singapore for implementation in 2000. The seminar is scheduled to take place in Beijing, China from 15 to 19 October 2000 with theme of "<i>Public Health Issues in Animal Production/Animal Products</i>".</p>
Further consideration of implementation to be undertaken within the work programme of appropriate sub-fora.				

² Japan, Korea and Chinese Taipei have indicated that they will not go beyond their UR commitments in the EVSL food sector. They propose that NTMs should be dealt with in the forthcoming WTO negotiations on Agriculture. China has emphasised the need for flexibility and that liberalization will be progressed on a voluntary basis. Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia are unable to participate in those lines covering alcoholic beverages on moral/religious grounds.

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11.	Natural and synthetic rubber	<p>Counter-notification and justification processes have been concluded. Unjustified NTMs are to be phased out by January 1, 2005.</p> <p>A consensus was reached on defining the scope of NTMs in accordance with the scope of tariff measures (HS4001-4002), and addressing NTMs specific to the rubber sector.</p> <p>Coordinator has reported the status of work in the group to the MAG Convenor.</p> <p><i>(China has reservations on this sector but cannot submit its reservations at this stage. It will do so as soon as possible.)</i></p>	No measures proposed.	Cooperate in the mutually-beneficial development of production technology between rubber producing economies and exchange information and strategies, which address rubber life-cycle issues in APEC on an on-going basis.
12.	Fertilizers	Not applicable. NTMs issues were being addressed in existing international fora (International Plant Protection Convention and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code).	Not applicable. Experts' discussions and consultation with industry have not identified any concerns/proposals to international trade of fertilizers.	Not applicable. Sector already served by a wide number of readily Ecotech opportunities in other international fora/organisation (e.g. International Fertilizer Industry Association).

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13.	Automotive	<p>An APEC automotive dialogue (of experts/government and private sector) was established to enhance and build upon auto-related activities within APEC. It serves as a forum for governments and industry to work together to map out strategies for increasing integration and development of the automotive sector within the region. The meetings of the Automotive Dialogue will be guided and facilitated by a Steering Committee.</p> <p>The First Automotive Dialogue was held in Bali on 26-27 July 1999. The APEC Automotive Dialogue met for the second time in Manila on 6-8 April 2000. Both meetings had been well-attended by participants from both the industry and Government. The Dialogue addresses a comprehensive range of issues affecting the industry in a manner that reflects the diverse perspectives of industry and government representatives and in line with the spirit of voluntarism. A substantive work program has been set in train, which will require close coordination with other APEC fora, particularly in the areas of customs, standards and intellectual property rights. A copy of the Report of the 2nd APEC Automotive Dialogue is attached.</p> <p>The next Dialogue is to be hosted by Thailand on 3-5 April 2001. Two meetings of the Steering Committee are being planned in preparation for this. The first (hosted by the US) of the two meetings would take place in Singapore from 12-13 October 2000.</p> <p>To increase transparency and information exchange on automotive policies, economies have been asked to produce profiles of their automotive industries to be placed on the Automotive Dialogue home page on the APEC Secretariat website. To date, the profiles of Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and USA have been posted at the URL address: http://www.apecsec.org.sg/committee/auto/auto.html, together with all Steering Committee, Dialogue and industry reports.</p>		
14.	Oilseeds & oilseed products	Two economies have notified NTMs. The deadline was subject to further extension to 27 August 1999 to encourage further notifications.	No facilitation measures proposed.	A “Regionally Integration for Sustainable Economies (RISE”) on rural infrastructure development has been approved by the BMC.
15.	Civil aircraft	Not applicable (basically a tariff-based proposal as internationally agreed in WTO “Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft”).	Members may employ the use of an “end-use system” (ie import tariffs eliminated under certain conditions) of Customs Administration. Members invited to contact Coordinator to obtain further technical information on this subject.	A proposal for the establishment of a Joint Airworthiness Consortium among APEC Member Economies to be further developed by Chinese Taipei based on comments from members.

APPENDIX 5:

**2000 APEC Individual Action Plans
Format Guidelines**

Overview of the 2000 APEC IAP Format Guidelines

PART A: APPROACH

Objectives

APEC Individual Action Plans (IAPs) are annual reports that record unilateral steps taken towards meeting the Bogor goals of free and open trade by 2010 for developed economies, and by 2020 for developing economies. Actions by economies to liberalise their trade and investment regimes and facilitate trade and investment in the region are detailed under the fifteen policy action areas of Part 1(C) the Osaka Action Agenda.

IAPs serve a number of interrelated purposes:

- IAPs improve the transparency of APEC economies' trade and investment regimes, providing valuable information to business and thereby facilitating intra-APEC trade and investment.
- Through the annual reporting and peer review processes, IAPs encourage APEC economies to focus on policy issues which need to be addressed in order to achieve the *Bogor Goals*.
- IAPs serve to maintain and demonstrate the momentum of APEC trade and investment efforts, thereby encouraging liberalisation in non-APEC economies, in particular through WTO processes.
- IAPs also enable APEC economies to learn from the liberalisation and facilitation experiences of others, thereby aiding the policy-making process.

General Approach

At the 1999 Auckland APEC Economic Leaders Meeting, Leaders endorsed a program of improvement of the IAP process with a view to making IAPs more “specific, transparent and comprehensive”. In preparing IAPs, economies should aim to provide specific, clear and comprehensive information on their actions during the reporting period and future planned actions.

In order to achieve these standards, the following style guidance should be followed.

Positive language and tone—focussing on ‘improvements’ and ‘requirements’ rather than ‘commitments’ and ‘restrictions’

Transparency—includes information relevant to and sought by business, such as current entry and operational requirements

Specificity—report on specific, tangible actions

Comprehensiveness—reporting should cover all areas of a sector, whether existing or emerging. Actions taken in other bilateral, regional and multi-lateral fora should be reported. Relevant Collective Actions should be (briefly) reported on, or at the very least, cross-referenced.

Conciseness—provide a sufficient level of detail to give a clear picture of action being taken. Readers can be directed to more specific details through appropriate use of cross-referencing and inclusion of links to relevant websites.

Consistency—reporting categories used in the annual reporting table and the base year information and cumulative improvements table should be the same.

Standardised approach—reporting is against a standard set of reporting categories. These categories are not benchmarks, and it is not expected that every economy will be in a position to report against all categories in every year.

Part B: Structure of the IAP

IAPs should be prepared using agreed standardised reporting templates for each chapter. These templates have been developed in conjunction with specialist CTI sub-fora and can only be varied by the SOM based on a recommendation from the CTI. The topics covered in these chapters reflect action areas identified in the 1995 Osaka Action Agenda. The SOM will agree on which of these action areas should be covered in the IAP.

Each chapter will consist of at least three component parts:

- An Overview or Summary Statement;
- An Annual Report; and
- A record of Cumulative Improvements Since 1996

Where appropriate, this information might be supplemented by provision for a case study or more detailed annexes (such as that appended to the Services Chapter).

Templates incorporating each of these elements for the chapter topics included in the IAP are attached to these guidelines. Each economy should use these templates to report action against each of the agreed reporting criteria or categories listed in the first column of both the Annual Report and the Cumulative Improvements report. This is the basic architecture of the e-IAP database, and is not subject to variation.

In addition, the templates include prompts designed to give economies guidance on the kinds of information that might be included under each category. These prompts are designed to assist economies to address the categories comprehensively. These prompts are indicative, not prescriptive, and will not appear in the final IAP as presented.

Overview/Summary Statement

Each chapter should begin with a short Overview or Summary Statement detailing the policy rationale, approach and vision for the economy with respect to the particular OAA action area. The statement should be brief and concentrate on broad policy issues rather than particular actions or initiatives.

Key pieces of legislation and policy documents can be mentioned briefly, with relevant website links/cross-reference included, referring readers to the full documents for more detailed information.

Where a chapter covers an APEC Collective Action Program (CAP), brief reference should be made to the participation of the economy in the relevant CAP. Where further information on an economy's activities under a CAP are available elsewhere, a hyperlink to the website should be provided. More detailed information about collective actions should be included when addressing specific reporting categories in the annual report (see below).

Annual Reporting Table

Each chapter should include an Annual Report that provides succinct information on the policy approach of the economy to the particular OAA action area, and report on measures taken since the previous IAP and further actions planned. Focus should be on providing useful information as concisely as possible, with the particular aim of addressing the needs of business. Cross-referencing and website links should be used where relevant to direct users to more detailed information. For example, for a particular service sub-sector, a certain entry requirement in the area of licensing may be stated, together with a hyperlink and/or reference to the legislation itself.

At the very least, a single contact point should be nominated against each chapter, but it may in some cases be appropriate to include additional contact points for specific subject areas within a chapter.

Hyperlinks to website addresses should be as specific as possible. The link should take the user directly to the page where the relevant information can be found, rather than the website of a government agency or a private organisation, where the user then has to search the site in order to find specific pieces of information.

Where appropriate, the annual report should include details of the economy's individual actions in support of CAPs. Again, where further information on an economy's activities under a CAP are available elsewhere, a brief, clear statement describing the economy's action should be provided, together with a hyperlink to any additional details available on other websites.

Cumulative Improvements Made Since 1996

Each IAP chapter should include a table providing information on the policy environment which existed at the time economies completed their first IAP (1996 in most cases), together with cumulative improvements made since that year. This table is important to place the current year annual report into its proper context and to recognise the differing starting points of each APEC member.

Economies can draw most of the information required to describe the situation at the base year from their 1996 IAPs (or later year in the case of economies that became members after 1996). Once this column is completed, it will require no further review.

Listing of cumulative improvements should be brief bullet-points (no more than two lines). Improvements reported in IAPs prior to the adoption of the new format guidelines can be copied from these IAPs, adding a reference year indicating the IAP from which this information was drawn. Updating this list will be a simple matter of copying information from the 'Improvements made since the last IAP' column of the annual reporting table of (column 2) and adding it to the list.

Part C : Use of the Electronic IAP

(Guidance in the use of the e-IAP to be added once the software is developed)

Part D : Schedule for IAP Reporting

The IAP records information on actions taken during an annual reporting cycle. IAPs need to be completed for presentation to the Joint Ministerial Meeting and APEC Economic Leaders Meeting in the latter part of the calendar year (the timing varies at the discretion of the Chair, but would normally be after SOM III). The IAP reporting period should therefore extend from the conclusion of SOM III of a year to SOM III of the following year

Prior to SOM II each year, economies will prepare an IAP Preliminary Improvements Report. This report will follow a standardised tabular reporting format, and is essentially a preview for the Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting of the improvements to be reported and further measures to be advised in the forthcoming IAP.

The Osaka Action Agenda provides for "informal consultations" to review the contents of each economy's IAP with a view to achieving a "progressive and dynamic mechanism" delivering "continuing voluntary improvements". These consultations could take place during the period between SOM II, when Preliminary Improvements Reports are presented, and SOM III, by which time the preparation of IAPs should be in their final stages. These consultations are in addition to the Peer Review process.

Individual Action Plans should be completed and submitted to the APEC Secretariat for publishing on the e-IAP Homepage no later than one month prior to the commencement of the Joint Ministerial Meeting.

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Summary Report on Commitments Achieved and Improvements Planned: IAP for {economy}

IAP Chapter	Improvements Made since the Last IAP (Provide brief points only)	Further Improvements Planned (Provide brief points only)
Tariffs <i>(entries to the right are examples only)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Tariff reduction legislation effective 1/4/00 lowered trade weighted average tariff from x% to y%; significant changes included product a (x% to y%), product b (x% to y%), and product c (x% to y%).</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Further tariff reduction legislation to be introduced in March 2001</i> <i>Government announced plans to reduce tariffs on product d from e% to f% over 5 years starting in 2002</i>
Non-Tariff Measures		
Services		
Investment		
Standards & Conformance		
Customs Procedures		
Intellectual Property Rights		
Competition Policy		
Government Procurement		
Deregulation		
Implementation of WTO Obligations/ROOs		
Dispute Mediation		
Mobility of Business People		
Information Gathering and Analysis		

Chapter 1 : Tariffs

Objective

APEC Economies will achieve free and open trade in the Asia-Pacific Region by :

- (a) *Progressively reducing tariff measures*
- (b) *Ensuring the transparency of APEC economies' respective tariff measures*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- (a) *take into account, in the process of progressive reduction of tariff measures, intra-APEC trade trends, economic interests and sectors or products related to industries in which this process may have positive impact on trade and on economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region;*
- (b) *ensure that the progressive reduction of tariffs is not undermined by the application of unjustifiable measures; and*
- (c) *consider extending, on a voluntary basis, to all APEC economies the benefits of reductions and eliminations derived from sub-regional arrangements.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will undertake Collective Actions with regard to tariffs in the agreed areas. (Please refer to specific Collective Action Plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information.)

{Economy}'s Approach to Tariffs in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to tariffs, including brief reference to the key policies or legislation governing the administration of tariffs. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

Case Study of a Tariff Liberalisation Initiative

(Outline a particularly significant initiative taken since the last IAP to liberalise tariffs.)

{Economy}'s Approach to Tariffs in 2000			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since Last IAP	Current Tariff Arrangements	Further Improvements Planned
Bound Tariffs	<p><i>{Briefly describe changes made to bound tariffs since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly bound tariffs in the current tariff regime.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any short-term (next 12 months) efforts to be undertaken to further reduce bound tariffs.}</i></p> <p><i>{Outline any medium-term (next 5 years) efforts to be undertaken to further reduce bound tariffs.}</i></p> <p><i>{Outline any long-term (by 2010/2020) efforts to be undertaken to further reduce bound tariffs.}</i></p>
Applied Tariffs	<p><i>{Briefly describe changes made to applied tariffs since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly applied tariffs in the current tariff regime, including the status of tariffs in EVSL sectors.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any short-term (next 12 months) efforts to be undertaken to further reduce applied tariffs.}</i></p> <p><i>{Outline any medium-term (next 5 years) efforts to be undertaken to further reduce applied tariffs.}</i></p> <p><i>{Outline any long-term (by 2010/2020) efforts to be undertaken to further reduce applied tariffs.}</i></p> <p><i>{Outline any plans to implement tariff reductions in EVSL sectors.}</i></p>
Tariff Quotas	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to tariff quotas since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly any tariff quotas in place.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans to reduce or eliminate these tariff quota arrangements.}</i></p>

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Tariff Preferences	<i>{Describe all changes made to tariff preference arrangements since the last IAP was prepared}</i> <i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i>	<i>{Describe briefly any tariff preference arrangements, including bilateral and plurilateral arrangements.}</i> <i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i>	<i>{Outline any plans to change tariff preference arrangements.}</i>
Transparency of Tariff Regime	<i>{Describe all efforts to improve the transparency of your tariff regime since the last IAP was prepared}</i> <i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i>	<i>{Describe briefly all measures to make the tariff regime transparent.}</i> <i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i>	<i>{Outline any plans to enhance the transparency of the tariff regime}</i>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Tariff Measures since 1996

Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
Bound Tariffs	{Describe briefly bound tariffs in 1996.}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Applied Tariffs	{Describe briefly applied tariffs in 1996.} {Describe briefly the tariff regime applied in EVSL sectors in 1996.}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.} {Include improvements relating to EVSL sectors.}
Tariff Quotas	{Describe briefly any tariff quotas maintained in 1996.}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Tariff Preferences	{Describe briefly any tariff preference arrangements existing in 1996.}	{List, in order of occurrence, changes made since 1996, indicating in each case when the change was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Transparency of Tariff Regime	{Describe briefly any mechanisms to make the tariff regime transparent in place in 1996.}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}

APEC INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN: TARIFF SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2000

(PLEASE COMPLETE BOXES)

	All Goods	Agriculture excluding Fish	Fish and Fish Products	Petroleum Oils	Wood, Pulp, Paper and Furniture	Textiles and Clothing	Leather, Rubber, Footwear and Travel Goods	Metals	Chemical & Photographic Supplies	Transport Equipment	Non-Electric Machinery	Electric Machinery	Mineral Products, Precious Stones & Metals	Manufactured Articles, n.e.s
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ITEM														
Bound tariff lines as a percentage of all lines														
Duty-free tariff lines as a percentage of all lines														
Preferential tariff lines as a percentage of all lines														
Ratio of tariff lines with quotas to all lines														
Simple average bound tariff rate														
Simple average applied tariff rate														
Simple average applied preferential tariff rate - indicate for each preferential arrangement														
Average applied tariff rate for all lines subject to duty														
Import-weighted average applied tariff rate - specify FOB or CIF														
Import-weighted average bound tariff rate - specify FOB or CIF														

Notes

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)
- (e)

Chapter 2 : Non-Tariff Measures

Objective

APEC Economies will achieve free and open trade in the Asia-Pacific Region by :

- (c) *Progressively reducing non-tariff measures*
- (d) *Ensuring the transparency of APEC economies' respective non-tariff measures*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- (d) *take into account, in the process of progressive reduction of non-tariff measures, intra-APEC trade trends, economic interests and sectors or products related to industries in which this process may have positive impact on trade and on economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region;*
- (e) *ensure that the progressive reduction of non-tariff measures is not undermined by the application of unjustifiable measures; and*
- (f) *consider extending, on a voluntary basis, to all APEC economies the benefits of reductions and eliminations of non-tariff measures.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will take Collective Actions with regard to non-tariff measures in the agreed areas (Please refer to specific Collective Action Plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information)

{Economy}'s Approach to Non-Tariff Measures in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to non-tariff measures, including brief reference to the key policies or legislation governing the administration of non-tariff measures. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

Case Study of an NTM Reduction or Elimination Initiative

(Outline a particular significant initiative taken since the last IAP to reduce or eliminate a non-tariff measure.)

{Economy}'s Approach to Non-Tariff Measures in 2000

Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Non-Tariff Measures Applied	Further Improvements Planned
Quantitative Import Restrictions/ Prohibitions	<p>{Describe all changes made to quantitative import restrictions or prohibitions since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any quantitative import restrictions or prohibitions maintained.}</p> <p>{Product-specific quantitative import restrictions or prohibitions should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
Quantitative Export Restrictions/ Prohibitions	<p>{Describe all changes made to quantitative export restrictions or prohibitions since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any quantitative export restrictions or prohibitions maintained.}</p> <p>{Product-specific quantitative export restrictions or prohibitions should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
Import Levies	<p>{Describe all changes made to import levies since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any import levies collected.}</p> <p>{Product-specific import levies should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>

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<p>Export Levies</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to export levies since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any export levies collected.}</p> <p>{Product-specific export levies should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
<p>Discretionary Import Licensing</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to discretionary import licensing requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any discretionary import licensing requirements.}</p> <p>{Product-specific discretionary import licensing requirements should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
<p>Automatic Import Licensing</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to automatic import licensing requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any automatic import licensing requirements.}</p> <p>{Product-specific automatic import licensing requirements should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
<p>Discretionary Export Licensing</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to discretionary export licensing requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any discretionary export licensing requirements.}</p> <p>{Product-specific discretionary export licensing requirements should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>

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<p>Voluntary Export Restraints</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to voluntary export restraints since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any voluntary export restraints maintained.}</p> <p>{Product-specific voluntary export restraints should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
<p>Export Subsidies</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to export subsidies since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any export subsidies maintained.}</p> <p>{Product-specific export subsidies should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
<p>Minimum Import Prices</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to minimum import price requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any minimum import price requirements maintained.}</p> <p>{Product-specific minimum import price requirements should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>
<p>Other Non-Tariff Measures Maintained</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made to other non-tariff measures since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any other non-tariff measures maintained.}</p> <p>{Other product-specific non-tariff measures should be outlined, with particular reference to those identified in EVSL sectors.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these NTMs}</p> <p>{Where NTMs are to be maintained, provide an explanation of the reason for their retention }</p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Non-Tariff Measures since 1996

Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
General Policy Position	{Describe briefly your approach to NTMs in 1996}	{Describe generally improvements made on NTMs since 1996}
Quantitative Import Restrictions/ Prohibitions	{Describe briefly any Quantitative Import Restrictions/Prohibitions maintained in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Quantitative Export Restrictions/ Prohibitions	{Describe briefly any Quantitative Export Restrictions/Prohibitions maintained in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Import Levies	{Describe briefly any Import Levies collected in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Export Levies	{Describe briefly any Export Levies collected in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Discretionary Import Licensing	{Describe briefly any Discretionary Import Licensing requirements in place in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Automatic Import Licensing	{Describe briefly any Automatic Import Licensing requirements in place in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}
Discretionary Export Licensing	{Describe briefly any Discretionary Export Licensing requirements in place in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}

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Voluntary Export Restraints	<i>{Describe briefly any Voluntary Export Restraints in place in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Export Subsidies	<i>{Describe briefly any Export Subsidies in place in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Minimum Import Prices	<i>{Describe briefly any Minimum Import Prices in place in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Other Non-Tariff Measures Maintained	<i>{Describe briefly any other Non-Tariff Measures in place in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>

Chapter 3 : Services

Objective

APEC Economies will achieve free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific Region by :

- (a) Progressively reducing restrictions on market access for trade in services; and*
- (b) Progressively provide for, inter alia, most favoured nation (MFN) treatment and national treatment for trade in services.*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- (a) contribute positively to the WTO negotiations on trade in services;*
- (b) expand commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) on market access and national treatment and eliminate MFN exemptions where appropriate; and*
- (c) consider undertaking further actions to facilitate supply of services.*

Collective Actions

APEC economies will take Collective Actions with regard to services in the agreed areas

[Please refer to specific Collective Action Plans (<http://www.apecsec.org.sg/cti/cti97/iva2-2.html>) for detailed information.]

{Economy}'s Approach to Trade in Services in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page - the policy approach of your economy with respect to trade in services. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

Chapter 3 : {Economy}'s General Approach to Trade in Services in 2000

* Competition Policy will be dealt with in the Competition Policy Chapter (link)

General Categories	Improvements Since Last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Foreign Investment or Right of Establishment (including Joint Venture Requirements)	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to foreign investment or right of establishment (including joint venture requirements) since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly foreign investment or right of establishment (including joint venture requirements, requirements on land acquisition or real estate, etc). Sector-specific foreign investment or right of establishment (including joint venture requirements) should be noted with a hyperlink to details in Sector-Specific Annex}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans to liberalise these measures}</i></p>
Temporary Entry and Stay of Service Providers and Intra-Corporate Transferees	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to requirements for temporary entry and stay of service providers and intra-corporate transferees since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly requirements for temporary entry and stay of service providers and intra-corporate transferees. Sector-specific requirements for temporary entry and stay of service providers and intra-corporate transferees should be noted with a hyperlink to details in Sector-Specific Annex}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate requirements for temporary entry and stay of service providers and intra-corporate transferees}</i></p>
Foreign Exchange Control/ Movement of Capital	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to Foreign Exchange Control/Movement of Capital restrictions since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly requirements for Foreign Exchange Control/Movement of Capital}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate requirements these requirements}</i></p>
Other Generic Requirements	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to other generic requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly any other generic requirements.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans to modify or eliminate these requirements}</i></p>

Chapter 3: Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Trade in Services since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Made to Date
General Policy Position	<i>{Describe briefly your approach to Trade in Services in 1996}</i>	<i>{Describe generally improvements made on Trade in Services since 1996}</i>
Foreign Investment or Right of Establishment (including Joint Venture Requirements)	<i>{Describe briefly any foreign investment or right of establishment (including joint venture requirements maintained in 1996)}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Temporary Entry and Stay of Service Providers and Intra-Corporate Transferees	<i>{Describe briefly any provisions relating to temporary entry and stay of service providers and intra-corporate transferees which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Foreign Exchange Control/ Movement of Capital	<i>{Describe briefly any provisions relating to Foreign Exchange Control/Movement of Capital which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Other Generic Requirements Applied to Trade in Services	<i>{Describe briefly any other generic requirements which applied to trade in services in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>

ANNEX - ANNUAL SECTORAL REPORT

Chapter 3 : Services

Chapter 3 (a:1): Business Services: Legal			
Category	Improvements Implemented since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (a:2): Business Services: Accounting			
Category	Improvements Implemented since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
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Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations which are inconsistent with the MFN principles. If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (a:3): Business Services: Architectural			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
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Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations which are inconsistent with the MFN principles. If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (a:4): Business Services: Engineering

Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</i></p> <p><i>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Foreign Entry	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</i></p> <p><i>Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations which are inconsistent with the MFN principles. If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>

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Chapter 3 (a:5): Business Services: Other Professional Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations which are inconsistent with the MFN principles. If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (a:6): Business Services: Other			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (b:1) : Communication Services: Postal			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (b:2) : Communication Services: Express Delivery			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (b:3) : Communication Services: Telecommunications			
Category	Improvement Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (b:4) : Communication Services: Audio-visual			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (c) : Construction and Related Engineering Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (d) : Distribution Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (e) : Education Services			
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Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (f) : Environment Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (g) : Financial Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (h) : Health Related and Social Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared} {Where available, provide links to details in other websites}	{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?} {Provide links to details in other websites} {Provide a contact point for further details}	{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared} {Where available, provide links to details in other websites}	{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?} {What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements} {Provide links to details in other websites} {Provide a contact point for further details}	{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}
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Chapter 3 (i) : Tourism and Travel Related Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (j) : Recreational Cultural and Sporting Services			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (k:1) : Transport Services: Maritime			
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Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (k:2) : Transport Services: Air			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
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Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
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Chapter 3 (k:3) : Transport Services: Rail			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</i></p> <p><i>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Foreign Entry	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</i></p> <p><i>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>

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Chapter 3 (k:4) : Transport Services: Road			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since the last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 (k:5) : Transport Services: Other			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</p> <p>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Foreign Entry	<p>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</p> <p>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</p>

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Chapter 3 : Services

Chapter 3 (I) : Energy Services

Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</i></p> <p><i>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Foreign Entry	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</i></p> <p><i>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>

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Chapter 3 : Services

Chapter 3 (m) : Other Services

Category	Improvements Since last IAP	Current Entry Requirements	Further Improvements Planned
Operational Requirements	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to operational requirements since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the primary domestic regulatory requirements that apply to both domestic and foreign service providers, including operational standards, codes of practice, capital adequacy requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Licensing and Qualification Requirements of Service Providers	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to licensing and qualification requirements of service providers since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the requirements for licensing and registration across the sector or within specific industries (for both firms and individual service providers)?}</i></p> <p><i>{What are the required educational, training or experience qualifications for service providers? Are there any nationality/residency requirements}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Foreign Entry	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to foreign entry in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for foreign entry into this industry or sector, including arrangements for repatriating profits, quotas, economic needs tests, technology transfer and training requirements?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>
Discriminatory Treatment/ MFN	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to discriminatory treatment/MFN in this sector since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What are the additional regulatory requirements for operation into this industry or sector? Are there any provisions, which discriminate between domestic and foreign suppliers?}</i></p> <p><i>{Is there MFN treatment in this sector (eg. sub-regional arrangement). Are there any measures or regulations, which are inconsistent with the MFN principles? If so, why is MFN applied and is there a schedule for eliminating these measures?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i> <i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly impact on the industry structure and operation?}</i></p>

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Objective

APEC Economies will achieve free and open Investment in the Asia-Pacific Region by :

- a) Liberalizing their respective investment regimes and the overall APEC investment environment by, inter-alia, progressively providing for MFN treatment and national treatment and ensuring transparency; and*
- b) facilitating investment activities through, inter alia, technical assistance and cooperation.*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- a) progressively reduce or eliminate exceptions and restrictions to achieve the above objective, using as an initial framework the WTO Agreement, the APEC Non-Binding Investment Principles, any other international agreements relevant to that economy, and any commonly agreed guidelines developed in APEC; and*
- b) explore expansion of APEC's network of bilateral investment agreements.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will take Collective Actions with regard to investment in the agreed areas (please refer to specific Collective Action Plan(s) [include cross- references and/or website address] for detailed information):

{Economy's} Approach to Investment in 2000

{Describe briefly – in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to trade in investment. Where possible, include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail}

{This section may be electronically linked to draw in the text from the "Current Investment Measures Applied" field of the "General Policy Framework" category in the "{Economy}'s Approach to Investment Measures in 2000" table.}

{Economy}'s Approach to Investment Measures in 2000			
Category	Improvements Since the last IAP	Current Investment Measures Applied	Further Improvements Planned
General Policy Framework	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy regarding general policy framework since the last IAP was prepared.</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy provide all laws, regulations, administrative guidelines and policies which may help to improve the foreign investment environment?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy concerning general policy framework.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
Transparency	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy regarding transparency since the last IAP was prepared.</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy make all laws, regulations, administrative guidelines and policies pertaining to investment publicly available in a prompt, transparent and readily accessible manner?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy on transparency.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
Non-discrimination	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy concerning non-discrimination since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy extend to investors from any economy, treatment in relation to the establishment, expansion and operation of their investments that is no less favourable than that accorded to investors from any other economy in like situations, without prejudice to relevant international obligations and principles?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy concerning non-discrimination.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>

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<p>Expropriation and Compensation</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy regarding expropriation and compensation since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy provide protection against the expropriation of foreign investment or take measures that have a similar effect, except for a public purpose and on a non-discriminatory basis, in accordance with the laws of each economy and principles of international law and against the prompt payment of adequate and effective compensation?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy regarding expropriation and compensation.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Protection from Strife and Similar Events</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy relating to the protection of investments from strife and similar events since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy provide for the protection of investments from strife and other similar events?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy regarding the protection of investments from strife or other similar events.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Transfers of capital related to investments</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy concerning the transfer of capital related to investments since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy allow for the minimisation of regulatory and institutional barriers to the outflow of investment related capital?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy concerning the transfer of capital related to investments.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>

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<p>Performance requirements</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy on the use of performance requirements related to investments since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy allow for the minimal use of performance requirements that distort or limit the expansion of trade or investment?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy on the use of performance requirements related to investments.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Entry and stay of personnel</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy relating to the entry and stay of personnel since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy's domestic laws and regulations permit the temporary entry and sojourn of key foreign technical and managerial personnel for the purposes of engaging in activities connected with foreign investment?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve policy relating to the entry and stay of personnel related to investments.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Settlement of disputes</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in your economy's domestic legislative framework relevant to the settlement of investment related disputes or any new international commitments or arbitration procedures it has become a Party to since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy allow for the prompt settlement of investment related disputes through consultations and negotiations between the parties, or failing this, through procedures for arbitration in accordance with your international commitments or other mutually acceptable arbitration procedures?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve domestic legislative framework relevant to the settlement of investment related disputes or any intentions to become a Party to various international or other arbitration procedures.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>

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<p>Intellectual Property</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy relating to the protection of intellectual property since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy provide for the protection of intellectual property related to investments?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve its policy relating to the protection of intellectual property.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Avoidance of double taxation</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy on the avoidance of double taxation related to investments since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy endeavour to avoid double taxation related to investments?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve its policy on the avoidance of double taxation related to investments.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Competition Policy and Regulatory Reform</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in competition policy and regulatory reform related to investments since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy promote competition policy and reduce compliance costs arising from government regulations related to investments?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve its competition policy and regulatory reform related to investments.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>

<p>Business facilitating measures to improve the domestic business environment</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy relating to business facilitation measures which may help to improve the efficiency of the domestic business environment since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{To what extent does your economy provide for various business facilitating measures which may help to improve the efficiency of the domestic business environment?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve its policy relating to business facilitation measures which may help to improve the efficiency of the domestic business environment.}</p> <p>{Provide a Menu No. corresponding to IAP}</p>
<p>Other Investment Measures</p>	<p>{Describe any improvements in policy relating to other investment measures since the last IAP was prepared.}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{ To what extent does your economy utilise other investment measures which may affect the foreign investment environment?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any intentions to improve its policy relating to other investment measures.}</p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Investment Measures since 1996

Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Made to Date
General Policy Framework	{Describe general policy on foreign investment as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on its general policy on foreign investment since 1996.}
Transparency	{Describe policy regarding transparency as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy regarding transparency since 1996.}
Non-discrimination	{Describe policy regarding non-discrimination as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy regarding non-discrimination since 1996.}
Expropriation and Compensation	{Describe policy concerning expropriation and compensation in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy concerning expropriation and compensation since 1996.}
Protection from strife and similar events	{Describe policy relating to protection of investment from strife and similar events as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy relating to the protection of investments from strife and similar events since 1996.}
Transfers of capital related to investments	{Describe your economy's policy concerning the transfer of capital related to investments as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy concerning the transfer of capital related to investments since 1996.}
Performance requirements	{Describe policy regarding performance requirements as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy regarding performance requirements since 1996.}
Entry and stay of personnel	{Describe policy in relation to the entry and stay of personnel as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy in relation to the entry and stay of personnel since 1996.}
Settlement of disputes	{Describe the domestic legislative framework relevant to the settlement of investment related disputes and any international commitments or arbitration procedures it was a Party to in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made to domestic legislative framework relevant to the settlement of investment related disputes and any new international commitments or arbitration procedures it has become a Party to since 1996.}
Intellectual property	{Describe policy concerning intellectual property as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy concerning intellectual property since 1996.}
Avoidance of double taxation	{Describe policy regarding the avoidance of double taxation as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on policy regarding the avoidance of double taxation since 1996.}
Competition policy and regulatory reform	{Describe competition policy and any regulatory reform relating to investment as they were in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on competition policy and regulatory reform relating to investment since 1996.}
Business facilitating measures to improve the domestic business environment	{Describe business Facilitation measures to improve the domestic business environment as it was in 1996.}	{Outline any improvements made on business facilitation measures to improve the domestic business environment since 1996.}

Chapter 5 : Standards⁵ and Conformance

Objective

APEC economies will, in accordance with the Declaration on APEC Standards and Conformance Framework and with the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT Agreement) and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) attached to the WTO Agreement:

- (a) ensure the transparency of the standards and conformity assessment of APEC economies;*
- (b) align APEC economies' mandatory and voluntary standards with international standards;*
- (c) achieve mutual recognition among APEC economies of conformity assessment in regulated and voluntary sectors; and*
- (d) promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development to facilitate broad participation in mutual recognition arrangements in both regulated and voluntary sectors.*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- (a) develop, by the end of 1997, the sections of its Action Plan related to alignment with international standards, taking into account the outcomes of the case studies in the four priority areas (electrical and electronic appliances, food labelling, plastic products and rubber products) as well as developments in further priority areas to be considered in 1996;*
- (b) participate actively in the international standardisation activities of international standardizing bodies such as the International Organization for Standardisation (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the Codex Alimentarius Commission in accordance with the rules and procedures of these organisations;*
- (c) pursue mutual recognition arrangements in regulated sectors through (i) the development of bilateral, multi-sectoral mutual recognition arrangements, which might at a later stage provide the basis for plurilateral arrangements; and (ii) the development of plurilateral mutual recognition arrangements in particular sectors, endeavoring to complete a pilot project on food products in 1997 and to develop an arrangement on information exchange on toy safety in 1996; and*
- (d) consider participation in the Treaty of the Metre (La Convention Du Metre) and the Treaty of OIML (La Convention Instaurant Une Organisation Internationale De Metrologie Legale) by 2005 in accordance with the rules and procedures of these treaties.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will take Collective Actions with regard to Standards and Conformance in the agreed areas. (Please refer to specific Collective Action Plan(s) [include cross references and/or website address] for detailed information

(Economy)'s Approach to Standards and Conformance in 2000

{Describe briefly – in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to standards and conformance including brief reference to the key policies for addressing standards and conformance related barriers to trade. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

⁵ “Standards” include mandatory as well as voluntary standards. The term “standards” is used in this document to refer generally to matters covered in the TBT and SPS Agreements.

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Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Approaches to Standards and Conformance	Further Improvements Planned
<p>Alignment with International Standards</p> <p>Alignment of standards with international standards where appropriate</p>	{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}	<p>{Include a statement of your economy's general approach to this category. This may include statements regarding adoption or compliance with Articles 2,3 and 4, and Annex 3, of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. This may also include statements regarding the overall level of alignment of standards with international standards.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	{Outline any planned improvements for this category}
<p>Alignment of standards with international standards in priority areas agreed by the SCSC</p>	{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}	<p>{For each of the groups of priority areas, provide a short summary of progress to align in the agreed priority areas. This summary could, for example, state that the responding member economy has achieved X% of alignment with the agreed priority area standards.}</p> <p>{A reference and link to a your economy's Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) could also be included.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	{Outline any planned improvements for this category}
<p>Active participation in the international standardisation activities of international standardizing bodies</p>	{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}	<p>{Indicate the level of participation in these organisations including membership (including level of membership – 'O', 'P' etc – and participation – eg. Convenorship, Secretariats) of relevant Boards, Technical Committees and Sub-Committees. This information may be provided in summary form (i.e. number of committees) or as a complete list of each committee in which they are involved.}</p> <p>{Indicate, as is required by the SCSC Collective Action Plan, level of participation in the standardisation activities of international standardisation bodies (ISO & IEC) in the following priority sectors: building and construction and hazardous area equipment. Indicate</p>	{Outline any planned improvements for this category}

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		<p><i>level of participation in SCSC ad-hoc Technical Groups which are developing coordinated regional input into the development of international standards in these selected areas}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	
<p>Recognition of Conformity assessment</p> <p><i>Participation in plurilateral recognition arrangements of conformity assessment in the regulated sector</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Indicate level of participation in the following APEC plurilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Foods and Food Products (APEC Food MRA);</i> <i>• The APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (APEC Tel MRA); and</i> <i>• The APEC Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Conformity Assessment of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (APEC Electrical MRA)}</i> <p><i>{Indicate any adoption and use of the APEC model Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Automotive Products. Alternatively, report on usage of the model I recognition arrangement under the next item.}</i></p> <p><i>{Indicate level of participation in the following APEC plurilateral information exchange arrangements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The APEC Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Toy Safety; and</i> <i>• The APEC Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Food Recalls}</i> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Does (Economy) have any plans to participate in these Arrangements. If so, when. If not, why not?}</i></p>
<p><i>Participation in bilateral recognition arrangements of conformity assessment in the regulated sector</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>Member economies should indicate their participation in any bilateral recognition arrangements [with other APEC member economies]</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned improvements for this category}</i></p>

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<p><i>Participation in recognition arrangement of conformity assessment in the voluntary sector</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Indicate participation in any bilateral or plurilateral recognition arrangements, or their participation in the development of the same. Indicate participation in both regional arrangements, developed in conjunction with the Specialist Regional Bodies, as well as any bilateral or international arrangements. In particular, indicate participation in the following arrangements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• The Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement;</i> <i>• The Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) multilateral mutual recognition arrangement pertaining to quality and environment management systems; and</i> <i>• The Global MRA on Metrology developed jointly by the Asia Pacific Metrology Program (APMP) and BIPM}</i> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans to increase level of participation}</i></p>
<p>Cooperation on Technical Infrastructure Development</p> <p><i>Improve and maintain level of technical infrastructure</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Include a statement of general approach to achieving this Osaka Action Agenda guideline goal.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned improvements for this category}</i></p>
<p><i>Identification of specific requirements, assistance and/or activities for technical infrastructure development</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Indicate the improvements that they have made to their technical infrastructures since the development of the Osaka Action Agenda. Alternatively, or in addition, report on contribution to the APEC Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program and/or sponsorship of APEC SCSC Technical Infrastructure Development Projects.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned improvements for this category}</i></p>

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<p><i>Provision of assistance for the improvement of other economies' technical infrastructure</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Report on the level of assistance provided for the improvement of other member economies' technical infrastructures.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned improvements for this category}</i></p>
<p><i>Participation in Specialist Regional Bodies¹ activities</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Indicate level of participation, including membership, in the activities of the five Specialist Regional Bodies¹. Indicate contribution to specific activities of the Specialist Regional Bodies, e.g. participation in and/or management of interlaboratory intercomparison exercises.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans to increase level of participation}</i></p>
<p>Transparency</p> <p><i>Continuously strive to increase transparency of their standards and conformance requirements, including:</i></p> <p><i>a) the timely provision of information to update the list of APEC Contact Points for Standards and Conformance Information; and</i></p> <p><i>b) efforts to establish Internet websites to disseminate standards</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Include a statement on general approach to achieving this Osaka Action Agenda guideline goal.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites. Insert link to APEC Contact List.}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned improvements for this category}</i></p>

¹ Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) Asia Pacific Legal Metrology Forum (APLMF) Asia Pacific Metrology Program (APMP)
Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC)

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<p>and conformance information</p>			
<p>Participation in Relevant International Fora</p> <p>Participate in relevant international fora</p>	<p>{Describe all changes since the last IAP was prepared}</p>	<p>{Report on level of participation in/membership of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Treaty of the Metre (La Convention Du Metre); • the Treaty of OIML (La Convention Instituant Une Organisation Internationale De Metrologie Legale); • the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC); • the International Accreditation Forum (IAF); and • the International Organization for Standardisation (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the Codex Alimentarius Commission.} <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to increase level of participation}</p>
<p>Others</p> <p>Other activities</p>	<p>{Describe improvement in any other activities your economy may wish to highlight, since the last IAP was prepared.}</p>	<p>{Report / highlight additional activities relating to standards and conformance.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to further progress these activities}</p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Standards and Conformance since 1996		
Category	Position In Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
<p>Alignment with International Standards</p> <p>Alignment of standards with international standards where appropriate</p>	<p>{Indicate whether or not at the base year your economy had adopted or complied with Articles 2,3 and 4, and Annex 3, of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. Include statements regarding the overall level of alignment of standards with international standards as at 1996.}</p>	<p>{Indicate when, if after 1996, your economy adopted or complied with Articles 2,3 and 4, and Annex 3, of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.}</p> <p>{Indicate current level of alignment of standards with international standards}</p>
<p>Active participation in the international standardisation activities of international standardizing bodies</p>	<p>{Indicate level of participation, as at 1996, in these organisations including membership (including level of membership – ‘O’, ‘P’ etc – and participation – e.g. Convenorship, Secretariats) of relevant Boards, Technical Committees and Sub-Committees. This information may be provided in summary form (i.e. number of committees) or as a complete list of each committee in which {economy} is involved.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, any significant improvements or changes to the level of participation in these organisations}</p> <p>{Indicate current levels of participation}</p>
<p>Recognition of Conformity Assessment</p> <p>Participation in plurilateral recognition arrangements of conformity assessment in the regulated sector</p>	<p>NOTE: Prior to 1996 there were no plurilateral mutual recognition arrangements on conformity assessment</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, participation in the APEC regional plurilateral recognition arrangements of conformity assessment}</p>
<p>Participation in bilateral recognition arrangements of conformity assessment in the regulated sector</p>	<p>{Indicate participation in any bilateral recognition arrangements [with other APEC member economies] that existed prior to 1996.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, any changes to participation in bilateral / recognition arrangements.}</p>
<p>Participation in</p>	<p>{Indicate participation in any bilateral or plurilateral recognition</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, any changes to participation in bilateral or</p>

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<p>recognition arrangement of conformity assessment in the voluntary sector</p>	<p>arrangements, or participation in the development of the same. Indicate participation in both regional arrangements, developed in conjunction with the Specialist Regional Bodies, as well as any bilateral or international arrangements.}</p>	<p>plurilateral recognition arrangements.}</p>
<p>Cooperation on Technical Infrastructure Development</p> <p>Improve and maintain the level of their technical infrastructure</p> <p>Identification of specific requirements, assistance and/or activities for technical infrastructure development</p>	<p>{Indicate any significant gaps in technical infrastructure that needed to be filled in order for your economy to trade more effectively throughout the region.}</p> <p>{In this context, refer to contribution to the Mid-Term Technical Infrastructure Development Program}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, any significant changes to technical infrastructure.}</p>
<p>Provision of assistance for the improvement of other economies' technical infrastructure</p>	<p>{Indicate whether, prior to 1996, your economy provided technical or other assistance to develop other member economies' technical infrastructures}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, any significant projects undertaken to assist another economy to develop its technical infrastructure.}</p>
<p>Participation in Specialist Regional Bodies activities</p>	<p>Indicate level of participation in the three Specialist Regional Bodies (APLAC, APMP and PASC) which had their inception prior to 1996}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, participation in the Specialist Regional Bodies, including those established since 1996 (APLMF and PAC)}</p>
<p>Transparency</p> <p>Continuously strive to increase transparency of their standards and conformance requirements</p>	<p>{Briefly describe the level of accessibility, if any, to information on standards and conformity assessment requirements prior to 1996}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, any significant improvements to the level of accessibility of information on standards and conformity assessment requirements}</p>

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<p><i>Participation in Relevant International Fora</i></p> <p><i>Participate in relevant international fora</i></p>	<p><i>{Specify which of the following organisations your economy was a member of as at 1996:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the Treaty of the Metre (La Convention Du Metre);</i> • <i>the Treaty of OIML (La Convention Instituant Une Organisation Internationale De Metrologie Legale);</i> • <i>the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC);</i> • <i>the International Accreditation Forum (IAF); and</i> • <i>the International Organization for Standardisation (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and the Codex Alimentarius Commission}</i> 	<p><i>{List, in order of occurrence, any significant improvements or changes to the level of participation in these organisations}</i></p>
<p>Others</p> <p><i>Other Activities</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe the situation with respect to any other activities your economy may wish to highlight as at 1996}</i></p>	<p><i>{List in order of occurrence, any significant improvements or changes to these activities }</i></p>

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Objective

APEC economies will facilitate trade in the Asia-Pacific region by simplifying and harmonising customs procedures.

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will take actions towards achieving the above objective:

- (a) Along the lines of the strategic Direction of the Action Program of the Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures; and*
- (b) Taking full into consideration the Guiding Principles (FACTS: Facilitation, Accountability, Consistency, Transparency, Simplification) of the above Action Program.*

Collective Actions

APEC economies will also take Collective Actions with regard to customs procedures in the agreed areas. (Please refer to the customs procedures Collective Action Plan at [] for detailed information).

{Economy}'s Approach to Customs Procedures in 2000

{Describe briefly - in one or two paragraphs, and less than a page - the policy approach of your economy with respect to customs procedures, including brief reference to the key policies and legislation governing customs procedures}

{Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail}

{Economy}'s Approach to Customs Procedures in 2000			
General Categories	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Activities/Measures	Further Improvements Planned
Greater Public Availability of Information	<p>{Describe all changes made that have improved the public availability of customs information since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What measures are currently in place to make customs laws, procedures and other information publicly available?}</p> <p>{To what extent is the internet used to disseminate information?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
Paperless trading	<p>{Describe all changes made that have reduced Customs' requirements for paper documents for Customs transactions since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What measures are currently in place to reduce the need for paper transactions in customs procedures?}</p> <p>{Describe all current electronic and/or automated processes that facilitate paperless trading}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions, plans to introduce new technology or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
Provision of Temporary Importation Facilities	<p>{Describe all changes made that have improved the provision of temporary importation facilities since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What measures are currently in place that provide for the temporary importation of goods?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
Implementation of Clear Appeals Provisions	<p>{Describe all changes made to appeal and review processes since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What appeal and review processes are currently available to those affected by customs decisions?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>

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<p>Alignment With WTO Valuation Agreement</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards adopting the principles of the WTO valuation agreement since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What legislation and procedures are currently in place that give effect to the WTO valuation agreement?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
<p>Adoption of Kyoto Convention</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards adopting the principles of the Kyoto Convention since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What legislation and/or oprocesses are currently in place to accede to and implement the revised Kyoto Convention?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly assist in the accession to and implementation of the revised Kyoto Convention}</p>
<p>Implementation of Harmonised System Convention</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards achieving accurate, consistent and uniform application of the HS Convention since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What legislation and/or other measures are currently in place to ensure the accurate, consistent and uniform application of HS Convention?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
<p>Implementation of an Advance Classification Ruling System</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards achieving full implementation of an advance classification ruling system since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What legislation and/or other measures are currently in place to implement an advance classification ruling system?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>

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<p>Implementation of the TRIPs Agreement</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards achieving full implementation of the WTO TRIPs agreement since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What legislation and/or other measures are currently in place to implement the WTO TRIPs agreement?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
<p>Development of a Compendium of Harmonised Trade Data Elements</p>	<p>{Describe all contributions your Customs administration has made towards developing a compendium of harmonised trade data elements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{What activities are currently being undertaken to bring about the development of a compendium of harmonised trade data elements?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
<p>Adoption of Systematic Risk Management Techniques</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards adopting risk management principles since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe the extent to which risk management principles have been adopted}</p> <p>{What activities are currently being undertaken to incorporate risk management techniques into customs processes ?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>
<p>Implementation of WCO Guidelines on Express Consignment Clearance</p>	<p>{Describe all changes made towards implementing the WCO guidelines on express consignment clearance since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe current clearance procedures}</p> <p>{What measures are in place to implement the WCO guidelines on express consignment clearance?}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Are there reviews, new policy directions or forthcoming legislation that will directly improve this area of customs procedures}</p>

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<p>Integrity</p>	<p><i>{Describe all measures that have been implemented to improve the levels of integrity in your customs administration since the last IAP}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What procedures or legislation are in place to ensure that Customs maintains high levels of ethics and probity}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Are there plans to commence new initiatives to further improve levels of Customs integrity?}</i></p>
<p>Other Issues (this includes other Customs activities which facilitate trade which are not part of the SCCP CAP)</p>	<p><i>{Describe what improvements you have made to non-CAP initiatives which your Customs administration has taken to facilitate trade}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What other initiatives is your Customs administration pursuing in order to facilitate trade?}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Customs Procedures since 1996

Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
Greater Public Availability of Information	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Alignment With UN/EDIFACT International Standards for Electronic Commerce/Paperless Trading	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Provision of Temporary Importation Facilities	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Provision of Temporary Importation Facilitation	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Alignment With WTO Valuation Agreement	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Adoption of Kyoto Convention	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Implementation of Harmonised System Convention	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Implementation of an Advance Classification Ruling System	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}

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Implementation of the TRIPs Agreement	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Development of a Compendium of Harmonised Trade Data Elements	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Adoption of Systematic Risk Management Techniques	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Implementation of WCO Guidelines on Express Consignment Clearance	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Integrity	{Describe briefly the status of this area of customs procedures in 1996}	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported - eg, "(1997 IAP)". Improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Other Improvements in Customs Procedures		{Outline briefly improvements made in any other area/s of customs procedures since 1996}

Chapter 7 : Intellectual Property Rights**Objective**

APEC economies will ensure adequate and effective protection, including legislation, administration and enforcement, of intellectual property rights in the Asia-Pacific region based on the principles of MFN, national treatment and transparency as set out in the TRIPS Agreement and other related agreements.

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- a) ensure that intellectual property rights are granted expeditiously;*
- b) ensure that adequate and effective civil and administrative procedures and remedies are available against infringement of intellectual property rights; and*
- c) provide and expand bilateral technical cooperation in relation to areas such as patent search and examination, computerisation and human resources development for the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement and acceleration thereof.*

Collective Actions

APEC economies will take Collective Actions with regard to intellectual property rights in the agreed areas (Please refer to specific Collective Action Plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information.)

{Economy}'s Approach to intellectual property rights in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page - the policy approach of your economy with respect to intellectual property rights, including brief reference to the key policies or legislation concerning intellectual property rights. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

Chapter 7 : {Economy}'s General Approach to Intellectual Property Rights in 2000

Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Situation Regarding Laws and Administrative Procedures	Further Action Planned
TRIPS implementation	<p>{Describe all changes relating to domestic implementation (both legislative and administrative) of TRIPS since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Briefly describe current legislative and administrative activities that have bearing on TRIPS provisions concerning substantive IP law enforcement of IPR (including border measures) acquisition & maintenance of IPR}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide contact point(s) for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans for changes to IPR legislation, regulation, enforcement or administration with bearing on TRIPS provisions}</p>
Ensuring the Expedient Granting of IP Rights	<p>{Describe all changes made to domestic IPR system which facilitate granting of IP rights, such as simplified legal requirements, automation or paperless filing, enhanced resource allocation and human resource development, use of regional or international systems}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Briefly provide information regarding time periods involved in the granting of IP Rights by domestic authorities}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide contact point(s) for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans for changes to the domestic IPR system which would facilitate the granting of IP rights such as simplified legal requirements, automation or paperless filing, enhanced resource allocation and human resource development, use of regional or international systems}</p> <p>{Highlight any areas where cooperation would be desirable}</p>
Effective Enforcement of IP Rights	<p>{Describe all domestic initiatives or programs taken to enhance the effective enforcement of IPR (including administrative, legislative, legal or judicial measures)}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Briefly provide information regarding civil and administrative procedures and remedies available against infringement of IP Rights, including the role of concerned domestic agencies}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide contact point(s) for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans for domestic initiatives or programs taken to enhance the effective enforcement of IPR (including administrative, legislative, legal or judicial measures)}</p>

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<p>Public Education and Awareness of IP, enhanced IP user skills</p>	<p><i>{Describe action taken since last IAP concerning public education on IP Rights and raising public awareness of IP Rights and developing strong IP user skills base}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Briefly provide information of ongoing programs aimed at promoting public education and raising public awareness of IP Rights in the individual economy}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide contact point(s) for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans for future public education or public awareness programs relating to IP Rights, including specific programs aimed at enhancing IP user and IP management skills}</i></p> <p><i>{Highlight any areas where cooperation would be desirable}</i></p>
<p>APEC Cooperation on IP Issues</p>	<p><i>{Describe actions taken in support of cooperation between member economies on enhancing effective protection of IP rights in the Asia-Pacific Region, and improving the social and economic benefits from the IP system}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Briefly provide information of ongoing cooperative activities (including bilateral technical cooperation) undertaken in the Asia-Pacific Region}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide contact point(s) for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned future action regarding cooperative activities}</i></p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Intellectual Property Rights since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
General Policy Position	<i>{Describe briefly your approach to protection and utilisation of IP rights in 1996}</i>	<i>{Describe generally improvements made on protection and utilisation of IP rights since 1996}</i>
Ensuring the Expedious Granting of IP Rights	<i>{Describe briefly legislative provisions and administrative systems relating to the granting of IP rights as they existed in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Effective Enforcement of IP Rights	<i>{Describe briefly legislative provisions, and administrative and judicial procedures concerning the enforcement of IP rights as they existed in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Public Education and Awareness	<i>{Describe the apparent needs for public awareness and education in this area in 1996}</i>	<i>{Indicate public awareness and education programs, including skills development activities, that have addresses these needs}</i>
APEC Cooperation on IP issues	<i>{Describe the priority needs in this area in 1996 from the point of view of your economy}</i>	<i>{Indicate how APEC cooperation has contributed to these priority areas}</i>

Chapter 8 : Competition Policy

Objective

APEC economies will enhance the competitive environment in the Asia-Pacific region by introducing or maintaining effective and adequate competition policy and/or laws and associated enforcement policies, ensuring the transparency of the above, and promoting cooperation among APEC economies, thereby maximizing, inter-alia, the efficient operation of markets, competition among producers and traders, and consumer benefits.

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- a) review its respective competition policy and/or laws and the enforcement thereof in terms of transparency;*
- b) implement as appropriate technical assistance in regard to policy development, legislative drafting, and the constitution, powers and functions of appropriate enforcement agencies; and*
- c) establish appropriate cooperation arrangements among APEC economies.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will take Collective Actions with regard to competition policy in the agreed areas. The major focus of the Collective Actions will continue to be information sharing, dialogue and study on competition policy/laws. Further collective actions will be defined as policy dialogue develops.

APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform

The APEC Leader's Declaration of September 1999 endorsed the following Principles:

Non Discrimination

- (i) Application of competition and regulatory principles in a manner that does not discriminate between or among economic entities in like circumstances, whether these entities are foreign or domestic.*

Comprehensiveness

- (ii) Broad application of competition and regulatory principles to economic activity including goods and services, and private and public business activities.*
- (iii) The recognition of the competition dimension of policy development and reform which affects the efficient functioning of markets.*
- (iv) The protection of the competitive process and the creation and maintenance of an environment for free and fair competition.*
- (v) The recognition that competitive markets require a good overall legal framework, clear property rights, and non discriminatory, efficient and effective enforcement.*

Transparency

- (vi) Transparency in policies and rules, and their implementation.*

Accountability

- (vii) Clear responsibility within domestic administrations for the implementation of the competition and efficiency dimension in the development of policies and rules, and their administration.*

{Economy}'s Approach to Competition Policy in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to competition policy and/or law, and stating whether specific competition laws exist. Include brief reference to the key policies or legislation and enforcement issues. Where possible, include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}



{Economy}'s Approach to Competition Policy in 2000			
Category	Improvements implemented since the last IAP	Current Competition Policies / Arrangements	Further Improvements Planned
General Policy Framework	<p>{Describe major changes made to the competition or legal framework since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</p>	<p>{Provide any further detail of your economy's general competition policies or laws. Issues which may be addressed in this section include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-discrimination. • Comprehensiveness. • Transparency. • Accountability. <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify competition policies and/or laws}</p>
Reviews of Competition Policies and/or Laws	<p>{Describe any reviews undertaken since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any reviews currently underway.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans for future reviews}</p>
Competition Institutions (Including Enforcement Agencies)	<p>{Describe changes to the role and operation of any competition institutions since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the role and operation of any competition institutions including whether an institution is an independent body or part of the central government.}</p> <p>{Describe briefly any arrangements the institution has for assisting businesses, and promoting compliance with competition policies/laws.}</p> <p>{Describe measures taken to ensure transparency in the operations of the competition institutions.}</p> <p>{Describe procedures relating to the accountability of the competition institutions.}</p> <p>{Provide links to institution websites, including specific links for these issues.}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details.}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans regarding the role of competition institutions.}</p>

<p>Measures to Deal with Horizontal Restraints</p>	<p>{Describe major changes made to rules and regulations on horizontal restraints since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</p>	<p>{Does your economy's competition policy or law prohibit anti-competitive agreements such as collusive price fixing?}</p> <p>{What other features of your economy's laws/policies fall within this category?}</p> <p>{Provide details of the extent of coverage of these policies / laws across the economy.}</p> <p>{Provide details of any exemptions from these policies / laws.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify rules or regulations, or future reviews in this area.}</p>
<p>Measures to Deal with Vertical Restraints</p>	<p>{Describe major changes made to rules and regulations on vertical restraints since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</p>	<p>{Does your economy's competition policy or law prohibit vertical restraints such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exclusive dealing; • resale price maintenance; and/or • tying arrangements?} <p>{What other features of your economy's laws/policies fall within this category?}</p> <p>{Provide details of the extent of coverage of these policies / laws across the economy.}</p> <p>{Provide details of any exemptions from these policies / laws.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify rules or regulations, or future reviews in this area.}</p>

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<p>Measures to Deal with Abuse of Dominant Position</p>	<p>{Describe major changes made to rules and regulations on abuse of dominant position since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</p>	<p>{Does your economy's competition policy or law prohibit the abuse of dominant position?}</p> <p>{Does your economy have a regime for facilitating third party access to essential facilities?}</p> <p>{Does your economy have a mechanism for prices oversight?}</p> <p>{What other features of your economy's policies / laws fall within this category?}</p> <p>{Provide details of the extent of coverage of these policies / laws across the economy.}</p> <p>{Provide details of any exemptions from these policies / laws.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify rules or regulations, or future reviews in this area.}</p>
<p>Measures to Deal with Mergers and Acquisitions</p>	<p>{Describe major changes made to rules and regulations on mergers and acquisitions since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</p>	<p>{Does your economy's competition policy or law prohibit anti-competitive mergers or acquisitions?}</p> <p>{Provide details of the extent of coverage of these policies / laws across the economy.}</p> <p>{Provide details of any exemptions from these policies / laws.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify rules or regulations, or future reviews in this area.}</p>
<p>Other Issues Addressed by Competition Policy</p>	<p>{Describe major changes made to rules and regulations on other issues relevant to or impacting on}</p>	<p>{Provide details of any other key features of your economy's competition policies or laws.}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify rules or regulations, or future reviews.}</p>

	<p><i>competition policy since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Provide details of the extent of coverage of these policies / laws across the economy.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide details of any exemptions from these policies / laws.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	
<p>Co-operation Arrangements with other Member Economies</p>	<p><i>{Describe any arrangements or agreements for assistance or co-operation with other Member Economies since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly any arrangements or agreements made with other Member Economies including agreements between enforcement agencies regarding the development of competition policy (legislative drafting, constitution, powers and functions of appropriate competition institutions) and/or the development of capacity building exercises.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans for new arrangements or agreements.}</i></p>
<p>Activities with other APEC Economies and in other International Fora</p>	<p><i>{Describe major activities with other international fora discussing competition issues since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly major activities with other international fora undertaken on a regular basis.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans for new activities.}</i></p>
<p>Collective Actions</p>	<p><i>{Describe progress on collective actions since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly measures taken to progress collective actions.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans to progress collective actions.}</i></p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Competition Policy since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
General Policy Position	<i>{Describe briefly approach to competition policies / laws in 1996}</i>	<i>{Describe generally improvements made since 1996}</i>
Reviews of Competition Policies and/or Laws	<i>{Describe briefly any major reviews of competition policies and/or laws leading to your economy's position in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, reviews undertaken since 1996, indicating in each case when the review was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Competition Institutions (Including Enforcement Agencies)	<i>{Describe briefly the role of competition institutions in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Measures to Deal with Horizontal Restraints	<i>{Describe briefly rules and regulations on this issue in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Measures to Deal with Vertical Restraints	<i>{Describe briefly rules and regulations on this issue in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Measures to Deal with Abuse of Dominant Position	<i>{Describe briefly rules and regulations on this issue in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Measures to Deal with Mergers and Acquisitions	<i>{Describe briefly rules and regulations on this issue in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Other Issues Addressed by Competition Policy	<i>{Describe briefly rules and regulations on the issue in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Co-operation Arrangements with other Member Economies	<i>{Describe briefly any arrangements or agreements for assistance or co-operation with other Member Economies in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>
Activities with other APEC Economies and in other International Fora	<i>{Describe briefly any activities with other international fora in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)".}</i>

Chapter 9 : Government Procurement

Objective

APEC Economies will

- (e) *Develop a common understanding on government procurement policies and systems, as well as on each APEC economy's government procurement practices; and*
- (f) *Achieve liberalization of government procurement markets throughout the Asia-Pacific region in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Bogor Declaration, contributing in the process to the evolution of work on government procurement in other multilateral fora.*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will :

- (a) *Enhance the transparency of its government procurement regimes and its government procurement information; and*
- (c) *Establish, where possible, a government procurement information database and provide the information through a common entry point.*

Collective Actions

APEC economies will also take Collective Actions with regard to government procurement in the agreed areas. (Please refer to the government procurement Collective Action Plan at http://www.apecsec.org.sg/cti/cti_index.html for detailed information).

The APEC Government Procurement Experts Group (GPEG) has completed the development of a set of Non-Binding Principles (NBPs) for Government Procurement, comprising transparency, value for money, open and effective competition, fair dealing, accountability and due process, and non-discrimination. The complete set of NBPs, with detailed elements and illustrative practices, may be referred to at http://www.apecsec.org.sg/committee/gov_non_binding.html. GPEG members have adopted a process for individual members to voluntarily review the consistency of their government procurement systems with the NBPs, and report to the GPEG. A member may choose to review and report on consistency with all the NBPs at once, or individual NBPs, on a progressive basis as and when ready to do so.

The IAP format has been designed to encourage members to include specific plans and timetables as the reference for voluntarily bringing their government procurement systems into conformity with the NBPs, i.e. the NBPs constitute the reporting categories for the Government Procurement chapter of the IAP.

{Economy}'s Approach to Government Procurement in 1999

{Describe briefly - in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page - the policy approach of your economy with respect to government procurement, including brief reference to the key policies or legislation governing the administration of government procurement. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail e.g. your economy's government procurement survey information on the APEC Government Procurement Homepage at <http://www.apecsec.org.sg/govtproc/gphome.html> }

{Economy}'s Approach to Government Procurement in 2000			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Measures Applied	Further Improvements Planned
Transparency	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to enhance transparency of government procurement regimes and government procurement information since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly measures aimed at achieving transparency in government procurement}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<i>{Outline any plans for measures to enhance transparency}</i>
Value for Money	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to enhance value for money in government procurement, including any changes to value for money criteria, since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly measures aimed at achieving value for money in government procurement.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<i>{Outline any plans for measures to enhance value for money}</i>
Open and Effective Competition	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to enhance open and effective competition in government procurement since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly measures aimed at achieving open and effective competition in government procurement}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<i>{Outline any plans for measures to enhance open and effective competition}</i>
Fair Dealing	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to enhance fair dealing in government procurement services since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly measures aimed at achieving fair dealing in government procurement}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<i>{Outline any plans for measures to enhance fair dealing}</i>

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	<i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i>	<i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i>	
Accountability and Due Process	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to enhance accountability and due process in government procurement since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly measures aimed at achieving accountability and due process in government procurement}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<i>{Outline any plans for measures to enhance accountability and due process}</i>
Non-discrimination	<p><i>{Describe all changes made to remove or reduce discriminatory measures and enhance non-discrimination in government procurement since the last IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly any discriminatory measures applied and measures aimed at achieving non-discrimination in government procurement}</i></p> <p><i>{{Provide links to details in other websites}}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<i>{Outline any plans for measures to reduce or remove discrimination and enhance non-discrimination}</i>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Government Procurement since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
General Policy Position	<i>{Describe briefly approach to government procurement in 1996}</i>	<i>{Describe generally improvements made on Government Procurement since 1996}</i>
Transparency	<i>{Describe briefly any measures aimed at achieving transparency in government procurement which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Value for money	<i>{Describe briefly any measures aimed at achieving value for money in government procurement which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Open and Effective Competition	<i>{Describe briefly any measures aimed at achieving open an effective competition in government procurement which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Fair Dealing	<i>{Describe briefly any measures aimed at achieving fair dealing in government procurement which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Accountability and Due Process	<i>{Describe briefly any measures aimed at achieving accountability and due process in government procurement which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Non-discrimination	<i>{Describe briefly any discriminatory measures and any measures aimed at achieving non-discrimination in government procurement which applied in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>

Chapter 10 : Deregulation/ Regulatory Review

Objective

APEC Economies will facilitate free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific Region by, inter alia:

- a) improving the transparency of regulatory regimes; and*
- b) eliminating those distortions arising from domestic regulations that restrict trade or investment and are not necessary to achieve a legitimate objective.*

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- (a) explore economy-wide processes for the transparent identification and review of those domestic regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment, ensuring that reviews consider whether identified distortions are necessary to achieve a legitimate objective; and*
- (b) consider the adoption of regulatory reform programs that seek to reduce the costs of regulation of particular industries or sectors whilst maintaining the achievement of legitimate objectives.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will take Collective Actions with regard to regulatory review in the agreed areas. The main focus of the collective action plan is to promote information sharing, dialogue and study in regard to best practices in regulatory review.

APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform

The APEC Leader's Declaration of September 1999 endorsed the following Principles:

Non Discrimination

- (i) Application of competition and regulatory principles in a manner that does not discriminate between or among economic entities in like circumstances, whether these entities are foreign or domestic.*

Comprehensiveness

- (iii) Broad application of competition and regulatory principles to economic activity including goods and services, and private and public business activities.*
- (iv) The recognition of the competition dimension of policy development and reform which affects the efficient functioning of markets.*
- (v) The protection of the competitive process and the creation and maintenance of an environment for free and fair competition.*
- (vi) The recognition that competitive markets require a good overall legal framework, clear property rights, and non discriminatory, efficient and effective enforcement.*

Transparency

- (viii) Transparency in policies and rules, and their implementation.*

Accountability

- (ix) Clear responsibility within domestic administrations for the implementation of the competition and efficiency dimension in the development of policies and rules, and their administration.*

{Economy}'s Approach to Regulatory Review in 2000

{Describe briefly, in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to regulatory review, including brief reference to the key policies. Where possible, give a brief indication of the extent and coverage of remaining regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

{If relevant, provide a brief case study of less than one page outlining a recent and representative experience of regulatory review involving an industry or sector of national significance.}

{Economy}'s Approach to Regulatory Review in 2000			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since the Last IAP	Current Regulatory Review Policies / Arrangements	Further Improvements Planned
General Policy Position	<p>{Describe any changes made to the general policy approach to regulatory review since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the general policy approach to regulatory review}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify the general policy approach to regulatory review}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>
Identification and Review of Proposed Regulations	<p>{Describe any changes made since the last IAP was prepared with respect to economy-wide processes for the identification and review of proposed regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the policy approach to the economy-wide identification of proposed regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Describe briefly the policy approach to the transparent review of identified regulations. Include details of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the composition of relevant review bodies 2. criteria used when determining whether regulations will achieve legitimate objectives. These may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental protection • social welfare • economic development and employment • the interests of consumers • business competitiveness • the efficient allocation of resources} <p>{Describe briefly the policy approach for receiving and responding to review findings prior to any adoption of regulations}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify processes for the economy-wide identification and review of proposed regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>

<p>Identification and Review of Existing Regulations</p>	<p>{Describe any changes made since the last IAP was prepared with respect to economy-wide processes for the identification and review of existing regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the policy approach to the economy-wide identification of existing regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Describe briefly the policy approach to the scheduling of initial and any subsequent reviews of identified regulations}</p> <p>{Describe briefly the policy approach to the execution of transparent reviews. Include details of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the composition of relevant review bodies; 2. criteria used when determining whether regulations achieve legitimate objectives. These may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental protection • social welfare • economic development and employment • the interests of consumers • business competitiveness • the efficient allocation of resources} <p>{Describe briefly the policy approach for receiving and responding to review findings}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to modify processes for the economy-wide identification and review of existing regulations that may cause distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}}</p>
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<p>Reform of Industry/Sector Specific Regulation</p>	<p><i>{Describe any industry or sector specific regulatory reforms that may eliminate distortions that restrict trade or investment, progressed since the last IAP was prepared, or refer to entries in the section on Services}</i></p> <p><i>{Where possible, include dates and details of reform announcement, implementation and effect}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly the current arrangements for industry or sector specific regulatory reforms where reforms may eliminate distortions that restrict trade or investment}</i></p> <p><i>{Where possible, include dates and details of reform announcement, implementation and effect}</i></p> <p><i>{Refer to regulatory reform pertaining to both minor industries/sectors and industries/sectors of national importance, such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>telecommunications</i> • <i>transport</i> • <i>energy}</i> <p><i>{Where details specific to regulatory reform are provided in entries in the section on Services, simply refer to those other entries}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans for future industry or sector specific regulatory reforms that may eliminate distortions that restrict trade or investment, or refer to entries in the section on Services}</i></p> <p><i>{Where possible, include dates and details of reform announcement, (intended) implementation and effect}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>
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Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Regulatory Review since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
General Policy Position	{Describe briefly general approach to regulatory review in 1996}	{Describe generally improvements made since 1996}
Identification and Review of Proposed Regulations	<p>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for the economy-wide identification of proposed regulations that may have caused distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for the transparent review of any identified regulations. nclude details of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the composition of relevant review bodies 2. criteria used when determining whether regulations would achieve legitimate objectives. These may have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental protection • social welfare • economic development and employment • the interests of consumers • business competitiveness • the efficient allocation of resources} <p>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for receiving and responding to review findings prior to any adoption of regulations}</p>	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}
Identification and Review of Existing Regulations	<p>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for the economy-wide identification of existing regulations that may have caused distortions that restrict trade or investment}</p> <p>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for the scheduling of initial and any subsequent reviews of any identified regulations}</p> <p>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for the execution of transparent reviews of any identified regulations. Include details of:</p>	{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}

	<p>1. <i>the composition of relevant review bodies</i></p> <p>2. <i>criteria used when determining whether regulations achieved legitimate objectives. These may have included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>environmental protection</i> • <i>social welfare</i> • <i>economic development and employment</i> • <i>the interests of consumers</i> • <i>business competitiveness</i> • <i>the efficient allocation of resources}</i> <p><i>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for receiving and responding to review findings}</i></p>	
<p>Reform of Industry/Sector Specific Regulation</p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly any processes adhered to in 1996 for industry or sector specific regulatory reform where reforms may have eliminated distortions that restrict trade or investment}</i></p> <p><i>{Refer to regulatory reform pertaining to both minor industries/sectors and industries/sectors of national importance, such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>telecommunications</i> • <i>transport</i> • <i>energy}</i> <p><i>{Where details specific to regulatory reform are provided in entries in the section on Services, simply refer to those other entries}</i></p>	<p><i>{List, in order of occurrence, industry or sector specific regulatory reforms introduced since 1996 that may have eliminated distortions that restrict trade or investment}</i></p> <p><i>{In each case indicate the industries/ sectors involved and the date and details of reform announcement, implementation and effect}</i></p> <p><i>{In each case indicate when the reform was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”. These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs}</i></p> <p><i>{Where details specific to regulatory reform are provided in entries in the section on Services, simply refer to those other entries}</i></p>

Chapter 11 : Implementation of WTO Obligations (inc ROOs)

Objectives

APEC Economies will ensure full and effective implementation of Uruguay Round outcomes within the agreed time frame in a manner fully consistent with the letter and spirit of the WTO Agreement:

APEC Economies will:

- a) ensure full compliance with internationally harmonized rules of origin to be adopted in relevant international fora; and*
- b) ensure that their respective rules of origin are prepared and applied in an impartial, transparent and neutral manner.*

Guidelines

On WTO Agreements:

- (a) Each APEC economy that is a WTO member will fully and faithfully implement its respective Uruguay Round commitments.*
- (b) Each APEC economy that is in the process of acceding to the WTO Agreement may participate in APEC Uruguay Round actions through voluntary steps to liberalise its respective trade and investment regimes consistent with the WTO Agreement.*
- (c) Each APEC economy will, on a voluntary basis, accelerate the implementation of Uruguay Round outcomes, and deepen and broaden these.*

On Rules of Origin:

Each APEC economy will:

- a) align its respective rules of origin with internationally harmonized rules of origin to be adopted as a result of the WTO/WCO process; and*
- b) ensure predictable and consistent application of rules of origin.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will undertake Collective Actions with regard to implementation of Uruguay Round outcomes in agreed areas. (Please refer to specific Collective Action plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information.)

APEC Economies will also undertake Collective Actions with regard to rules of origin in agreed areas. (Please refer to specific Collective Action plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information.)

{Economy}'s Approach to WTO Obligations Implementation and Rules of Origin in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to implementation of the WTO Agreement and other WTO obligations. Non-WTO members should briefly describe their approach to adopting measures consistent with WTO obligations and indicate the status of their plans to accede to the WTO. Where possible, include links to documents outlining your

economy's policies in more detail.}

{Also describe briefly- in one or two paragraphs, and less than half a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to rules of origin, including brief reference to international agreements (e.g. FTAs) etc. Where possible include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

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{Economy}'s Approach to Implementation of WTO Obligations (inc ROOs) in 2000			
Category	Obligations Implemented Since last IAP	Current Status of WTO Obligations Implementation	Further Implementation Planned
WTO Agreement, Annex 1A (Goods)	<p>{Briefly outline steps taken to implement WTO Agreement Annex 1A since the last IAP}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken consistent with obligations under Annex 1A}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has implemented its WTO obligations to date. Provide details of those aspects of the outcome that your economy has not yet implemented.}</p> <p>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy is already consistent with obligations under Annex 1A}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to further implement obligations under Annex 1A Agreements}</p> <p>{Where obligations are not to be implemented within required time frame, provide an explanation}</p>
WTO Agreement, Annex 1B (Services)	<p>{Briefly outline steps taken to implement WTO Agreement Annex 1B since the last IAP}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken consistent with obligations under Annex 1B}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has implemented its WTO obligations to date. Provide details of those aspects of the outcome that your economy has not yet implemented.}</p> <p>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy is already consistent with obligations under Annex 1B}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to further implement obligations under Annex 1B Agreements}</p> <p>{Where obligations are not to be implemented within required time frame, provide an explanation}</p>

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<p>WTO Agreement, Annex 1C (IPR)</p>	<p><i>{Briefly outline steps taken to implement WTO Agreement Annex 1C since the last IAP}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken consistent with obligations under Annex 1C}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has implemented its WTO obligations to date. Provide details of those aspects of the outcome that your economy has not yet implemented.}</i></p> <p><i>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy is already consistent with obligations under Annex 1C}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans to further implement obligations under Annex 1C Agreements}</i></p> <p><i>{Where obligations are not to be implemented within required time frame, provide an explanation}</i></p>
<p>WTO Plurilateral Agreements</p>	<p><i>{Briefly outline steps taken to implement WTO Plurilateral Agreements since the last IAP}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken consistent with obligations under WTO Plurilateral Agreements }</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has implemented WTO Plurilateral Agreements to date. Provide details of those aspects of the outcome that your economy has not yet implemented.}</i></p> <p><i>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy is already consistent with obligations under WTO Plurilateral Agreements.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans to further implement obligations under WTO Plurilateral Agreements }</i></p> <p><i>{Where obligations are not to be implemented within required time frame, provide an explanation}</i></p>
<p>WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations</p>	<p><i>{Briefly outline steps taken to implement WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations since the last IAP}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken consistent with obligations under WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations }</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has implemented WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations to date. Provide details of those aspects of the outcome that your economy has not yet implemented.}</i></p> <p><i>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy is already consistent with obligations under WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations }</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any plans to further implement obligations under WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations }</i></p> <p><i>{Where obligations are not to be implemented within required time frame, provide an explanation}</i></p>

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		{Provide a contact point for further details}	
Other WTO Obligations	<p>{Briefly outline steps taken to accelerate implementation of any other WTO Obligations since the last IAP}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken which are consistent with obligations under other WTO Agreements}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has accelerated implementation of any WTO Agreements to date.}</p> <p>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy is already consistent with obligations under other WTO Agreements.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to implement obligations under other WTO Agreements.}</p> <p>{Where obligations are not to be implemented within required time frame, provide an explanation}</p>
Voluntary action to accelerate implementation of WTO Agreement	<p>{Briefly outline steps taken to accelerate implementation of any WTO Agreements since the last IAP}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline steps taken which are in advance of implementation schedules for any WTO Agreements}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy has accelerated implementation of any WTO Agreements to date.}</p> <p>{Product-specific implementation variations should be outlined.}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, outline the extent to which your economy has already taken steps which are in advance of implementation schedules for WTO Agreements.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to implement WTO Agreement obligations ahead of agreed timeframes}</p> <p>{Where implementation of obligations is to be delayed, provide an explanation }</p>
Rules of Origin	<p>{Briefly outline steps taken to harmonise your rules of origin arrangements with international standards since the last IAP}</p> <p>{Briefly outline any changes to the method used for calculating non-preferential rules of origin.}</p> <p>Briefly outline any changes to preferential rules of origin</p>	<p>{Describe briefly your economy's approach to international harmonisation of rules of origin.}</p> <p>{Describe briefly the method used for calculating origin for non-preferential rules of origin.}</p> <p>Describe briefly any FTAs and the preferential rules of origin arrangements that apply.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to improve your economy's rules of origin arrangements.}</p>

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{Economy}'s Implementation of WTO Obligations since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
WTO Agreement, Annex 1A (Goods)	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy had already implemented Annex 1A in 1996}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy was already consistent with WTO Agreements.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
WTO Agreement, Annex 1B (Services)	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy had already implemented Annex 1B in 1996}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy was already consistent with WTO Agreements.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
WTO Agreement, Annex 1C (IPR)	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy had already implemented Annex 1C in 1996}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy was already consistent with WTO Agreements.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
WTO Plurilateral Agreements	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy had already implemented WTO Plurilateral Agreements in 1996}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy was already consistent with WTO Agreements.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations	<p>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy had already implemented WTO Ministerial Decisions and Declarations in 1996}</p> <p>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy was already consistent with WTO Agreements.}</p>	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>

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<p>Other WTO Obligations</p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly the extent to which your economy had already implemented other WTO obligations in 1996}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy was already consistent with other WTO Agreements.}</i></p>	<p><i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”}</i></p>
<p>Voluntary action to accelerate implementation of WTO Agreement</p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly how your economy had already accelerated implementation of any WTO Agreements in 1996}</i></p> <p><i>{For non-WTO members, briefly describe the extent to which your economy had already taken steps that were in advance of implementation schedules for WTO Agreements.}</i></p>	<p><i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”}</i></p>
<p>Rules of Origin</p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly how your economy's approach to Rules of Origin in 1996}</i></p>	<p><i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”}</i></p>

Chapter 12 : Dispute Mediation

Objective

APEC Economies will :

- a) Encourage members to address disputes cooperatively at an early stage with a view to resolving their differences in a manner which will help avoid confrontation and escalation, without prejudice to rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement and other international agreements and without duplicating or detracting from WTO dispute settlement procedures
- b) Facilitate and encourage the use of procedures for timely and effective resolution of disputes between private entities and governments and disputes between private parties in the Asia-Pacific region; and
- c) Ensure increased transparency of government laws, regulations and administrative procedures with a view to reducing and avoiding disputes regarding trade and investment matters in order to promote a secure and predictable business environment.

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- (a) Provide for the mutual and effective recognition of arbitral agreements and the enforcement of arbitral awards;
- (b) Provide adequate measures to make all laws, regulations, administrative guidelines and policies pertaining to trade and investment publicly available in a prompt, transparent and readily accessible manner; and
- (c) Promote domestic transparency by developing and/or maintaining appropriate and independent review or appeal procedures to expedite review and, where warranted, correction of administrative actions regarding trade and investment.

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will undertake Collective Actions with regard to dispute mediation in the agreed areas. (Please refer to specific Collective Action plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information.

{Economy}'s Approach to Dispute Mediation in 2000

{Describe briefly - in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the overall policy approach of your economy with respect to the resolution of disputes relating to trade and investment , including brief reference to the key policies or legislation governing dispute resolution. Where possible include references or links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

Overview of Disputes Involving {Economy} Since the Last IAP

{List cases of government-to-government or government-to-private entity disputes relating to trade and investment that have been subject to dispute resolution proceedings, indicating the dispute settlement body used. Where possible include references or links to documents outlining these cases in more detail.}

{Economy}'s Approach to Dispute Mediation in 2000			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since last IAP	Current Dispute Mediation Arrangements	Further Improvements Planned
Disputes between Governments	<p>{Briefly describe improvements, if any, to approaches used for the resolution of disputes between governments since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Briefly describe approaches used for the resolution of disputes between governments, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaches to cooperative resolution of disputes; • Dispute resolution mechanisms included in trade or investment agreements to which your Member economy is party; • Participation in international fora which establish international rules for resolution of disputes between governments.} <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to improve approaches used for the resolution of disputes between governments.}</p>
Disputes between Governments and Private Entities	<p>{Briefly describe improvements, if any, to approaches used for the resolution of disputes between governments and private entities since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Briefly describe approaches used for the resolution of disputes between governments and private entities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant international agreements that are relied on to resolve such disputes. For example, indicate if your Member Economy refers to the International Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (ICSID) in agreements with foreign investors or in bilateral investment promotion and protection agreements; • International dispute resolution services that are available in your Member economy setting out types of services available and relevant links. }; <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to improve arrangements used for the resolution of disputes between governments and private entities.}</p>

<p>Disputes between Private Parties</p>	<p>{Describe improvements, if any, made to approaches used for the resolution of disputes between private parties since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly approaches used for the resolution of disputes between governments and private entities, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any laws, regulations or policies that provide procedural rules for dispute settlement, for example, laws that adopt international procedural rules such as the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration to resolve disputes between private parties in your jurisdiction; • Dispute settlement services that are available in your Member economy setting out types of services that are available and relevant links; • Bilateral arrangements for mutual enforcement of foreign judgments, if any. • Arrangements for the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards, for example, if you have adopted the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards ('the New York Convention') <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to improve arrangements used for the resolution of disputes between private parties.}</p>
<p>Transparency</p>	<p>{Describe all efforts to improve the transparency of dispute resolution arrangements since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly all measures to make the dispute resolution arrangements transparent, including making relevant laws and policies publicly available in a readily accessible manner and promoting awareness of relevant, laws, regulations and policies.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to improve the transparency of the dispute resolution arrangements.}</p>

<p>Recognition of arbitration agreements and Enforcement of arbitration awards</p>	<p>{Describe any steps taken to enhance procedures relating to the recognition of arbitration agreements and enforcement of arbitration awards since the last IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly any law, regulation or policy relating to the recognition of arbitration agreements and the enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in your economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicating whether your Member economy has implemented rules based on the New York Convention; • Outlining the procedural steps to obtain recognition of an arbitration agreement and any grounds on which recognition may be refused in your Member economy; • Outlining the procedural steps to obtain enforcement of an arbitral award in your Member economy, including any grounds on which enforcement may be refused.}; <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to improve the recognition and enforcement of arbitration agreements and arbitration awards}</p>
<p>Independent review procedures</p>	<p>{Describe any steps taken to enhance independent review including appeals or other administrative review of arbitrations or other dispute settlement mechanisms}</p>	<p>{Describe any laws or policies that set out rights of appeal or review from an arbitration award or other dispute settlement procedures. If relevant set out grounds for appeal or review that are recognised in your economy either by law, regulation or policy.}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans to improve these independent review procedures.}</p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Dispute Mediation since 1996		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
Disputes between Governments	<p>{Describe briefly, the approach taken to the resolution of disputes between governments in 1996 particularly with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting a consultative approach to dispute resolution • ensuring dispute resolution mechanisms are timely and effective. 	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, with particular emphasis on key approaches highlighted in column 2, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
Disputes between Governments and Private Entities	<p>{Describe briefly the approach taken to the resolution of disputes between governments and private entities in 1996, particularly with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging a consultative approach to dispute resolution • ensuring relevant laws, policies and regulations are publicly accessible and related judicial or administrative procedures are transparent; • providing access for private entities to international dispute resolution services such as ICSID. 	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, with particular emphasis on key approaches highlighted in column 2, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
Disputes between Private Parties	<p>{Describe briefly the approach taken to the resolution of disputes between private parties in 1996 particularly with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any laws, regulations or policies that provide procedural rules for dispute settlement, for example, laws that adopt international procedural rules such as the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration to resolve disputes between private parties in your jurisdiction; • dispute resolution services that are available in your Member economy; • arrangements, if any, for mutual enforcement of foreign judgments; • arrangements, if any, for recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. 	<p>{List, in order of occurrence, with particular emphasis on key approaches highlighted in column 2, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
Transparency	<p>{Describe briefly any measure existing in 1996 to make the laws, policies or regulations relating to settlement of disputes publicly available in a readily accessible manner</p>	<p>{Outline any improvements made since 1996, indicating when the improvement was reported – eg, “(1997 IAP)”.</p>
Recognition of arbitration agreements and Enforcement of arbitration awards	<p>{Describe briefly any measure existing in 1996 dealing with the recognition of arbitration agreements and enforcement of arbitration awards</p>	<p>[Outline any improvements made since 1996 indicating when the improvement was reported.]</p>

Independent Review Procedures	<i>{Describe briefly the independent review procedures applying in 1996}</i>	<i>[Outline any improvements made since 1996 indicating when the improvement was reported.]</i>
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Chapter 13 : Mobility of Business People

Objective

APEC economies will enhance the mobility of people engaged in the conduct of trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

Guidelines

Each APEC economy will:

- a) Exchange information on regulatory regimes in regard to the mobility of business people in the region;*
- b) Examine the possibility of setting the scope for cooperation at a regional level aimed at streamlining and accelerating (I) processing of short term business travel and (ii) arrangements for temporary residency for business people to engage in trade and investment and;*
- c) establish and maintain a dialogue on mobility issues with the business community.*

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will take Collective Actions relating to Business mobility in the agreed areas (Please refer to specific Collective Action Plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information)

{Economy}'s Approach to Business Mobility in 2000

{Describe briefly- in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, the policy approach of your economy with respect to business mobility initiatives, including brief reference to the key policies or legislation governing relevant business visas. Where possible, include links to documents outlining your economy's policies in more detail.}

{Economy}'s Approach to Business Mobility in 2000			
Category	Improvements Implemented Since the 1999 IAP	Current Business Mobility Related Policies and Arrangements	Further Improvements Planned
Regulatory Visa Regimes	<p>{Describe briefly actions to exchange information on your economy's visa regime since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</p>	<p>{Describe mechanisms to facilitate information exchange on visa regimes and border management practices. Such mechanisms may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APEC Business Travel Handbook; • Internet websites; • Border management initiatives; • Measures to ensure transparency.} <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any plans to enhance information exchange including participation in Business Mobility Group initiatives}</p>
Short Term Business Entry	<p>{Describe any changes to policies or procedures or streamlining measures introduced since the previous IAP was prepared}</p> <p>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</p>	<p>{Describe briefly visa policies and procedural requirements and mechanisms (including whether a participant in the APEC Business Travel Card scheme) and any surveys/reviews currently underway.}</p> <p>{Provide links to details in other websites}</p> <p>{Provide a contact point for further details}</p>	<p>{Outline any announced plans for future changes or reviews}</p>

<p>Business Temporary Residency</p>	<p><i>{Describe any changes to temporary residency policies and procedures, including in respect of intra-company transfers, since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly current policies and procedures governing business temporary residency, including intra-company transfers. Issues which may be addressed include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>.any sector specific requirements;</i> <i>.streamlined arrangements;</i> <i>.service standards for processing applications and extensions of stay.</i> <p><i>{Describe existing measures to ensure transparency and predictability. Issues which may be addressed include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>.client information and instructions</i> <i>.availability of regulations, policies and assessment criteria</i> <i>.quality control mechanisms</i> <i>.monitoring arrangements.}</i> <p><i>{Provide links to agency websites, including specific links for these issues}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced individual or collective plans to change temporary residency policies and/or procedures}</i></p> <p><i>{Describe any announced plans to enhance transparency and predictability.}</i></p>
<p>Technical Cooperation and Training</p>	<p><i>{Describe mechanisms for technical cooperation and any training initiatives with other Member Economies implemented since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly current arrangements or mechanisms for information sharing agreements with other Member Economies including the outcome/s of any surveys or evaluations undertaken this year }</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans, including collective plans for new cooperative or training arrangements or agreements in which your economy will participate.}</i></p>
<p>Dialogue with Business</p>	<p><i>{Describe activities undertaken with government and business since the previous IAP was prepared}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in other websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{Describe briefly mechanisms for dialogue with business including any regular activities such as surveys.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any announced plans for new strategies or activities including any collective actions in which your economy will participate.}</i></p>

Improvements in {Economy}'s Approach to Business Mobility since 1996*		
Category	Position at Base Year (1996)*	Cumulative Improvements Implemented to Date
Regulatory Visa Regimes	<i>{Describe briefly the approach to information exchange on your economy's visa regime in 1996}</i>	<i>{Describe generally improvements made since 1996}</i>
Short Term Business Entry	<i>{Describe briefly the policy and procedural approach to short term business entry in 1996.}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Business Temporary Entry	<i>{Describe briefly the policy and procedural approach to business temporary residency in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, improvements made since 1996, indicating in each case when the improvement was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These improvements can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Technical Cooperation and Training	<i>{Describe briefly any co-operative (including training) arrangements with other Member Economies in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, (cooperative) initiatives implemented since 1996, indicating in each case when the initiative was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These initiatives can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>
Dialogue with Business	<i>{Describe briefly any mechanisms in 1996}</i>	<i>{List, in order of occurrence, initiatives implemented since 1996, indicating in each case when the initiative was reported – eg, "(1997 IAP)". These initiatives can be copied directly from previous IAPs.}</i>

* **1996 is to be used as the Base Year for IAP reporting across all sub-fora. While the Informal Experts' Group on Business Mobility did not commence until May 1997, it is considered that the information to be reported as 'base information' would not vary significantly for most Member Economies from 1996 to 1997.**

Chapter 14 : Information Gathering and Analysis

Objective

APEC economies will secure a solid platform for the expansion and improvement of Actions in Specific Areas and APEC economies' respective Action Plans by undertaking inter-alia cross sectoral work.

Collective Actions

APEC Economies will undertake Collective Actions with regard to tariffs in the agreed areas. (Please refer to specific Collective Action Plans [include cross-references and/or website address] for detailed information.)

{Economy}'s Approach to Information Gathering and Analysis

*{Describe briefly - in two or three paragraphs, and less than a page, your economy's objective or approach to collecting and disseminating data and information as they relate or impact on trade and investments. Include brief reference to key domestic facilities and arrangements, and projects to **improve collection and public** access to trade and investment information.*

Where possible, include links to documents or sites that provide greater detail on efforts in information gathering and dissemination.}

{Economy}'s Approach to Information Gathering and Analysis in 2000			
Category	Completed Work or Projects Since the last IAP	Current or Ongoing Work on Information Gathering and Analysis	Future Projects Planned
Information Gathering and Analysis	<p><i>{Describe major information gathering and analysis projects and activities relevant to APEC trade and investment liberalization and facilitation objectives, since the last IAP.}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</i></p>	<p><i>{What agencies conduct regular statistical surveys on investment and trade, and what products or services do they make available to the public?}</i></p> <p><i>{What data on trade and investment are currently available for public access? Please list and provide descriptions of the statistical products available. How often are these survey products released (e.g. monthly, quarterly, annually, biannually, etc.)?}</i></p> <p><i>Describe briefly any policy reviews, major studies or reaserch currently underway that are relevant to APEC trade and investment liberalization and facilitation objectives. Please only list studies and research projects that have been seriously considered by the government or made major contributions to policy positions.}</i></p> <p><i>{Describe your economy's approach to involvement in on-going APEC efforts relating to information gathering and analysis, and dissemination.}</i></p> <p><i>{Indicate in which APEC database projects your economy participates? For example, tariffs database, NTMs database etc.}</i></p> <p><i>{Has your economy established an APEC Study Centre or similar institution to contribute to APEC-wide information gathering, analysis and dissemination efforts.}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide links to details in other websites}</i></p> <p><i>{Provide a contact point for further details}</i></p>	<p><i>{Outline any planned new information gathering and analysis projects or activities relevant to APEC trade and investment liberalization and facilitation objectives.}</i></p> <p><i>{Where available, provide links to details in websites}</i></p>