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### Global High-Tech Industry Calls for Swift and Ambitious Expansion of the Information Technology Agreement



High-tech industry associations from around the world strongly support the ambitious new tariff-elimination initiative to significantly expand product coverage of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA), which is one of the most meaningful and successful trade agreements in the World Trade Organization (WTO).



The ITA has helped to drive innovation, accelerate productivity, increase employment, lower consumer prices, and bridge communities across the globe in ways unimagined 15 years ago. Product expansion of the ITA as well as expansion of geographic scope of the agreement would yield immediate and substantial benefits, removing tariffs on a vast array of tech products not currently covered. This initiative would improve market access for information and communications technology (ICT) products around the world and make the newest technologies more affordable and available to everyone.



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We applaud the impressive progress this initiative has achieved over the past year. The leaders of the 21 APEC economies have recently shown their strong support for it. The WTO hosted a highly successful Symposium on the 15th Anniversary of the ITA in May 2012 to highlight the importance of the ITA and the tremendous impact ICT products have on every sector of the global economy. That was immediately followed by B20 business leaders from around the world at the G20 summit in Mexico offering a ringing endorsement for ITA expansion. Most importantly, ITA members have begun discussions in earnest on the initiative and developed an initial list to be considered for additional ITA product coverage.



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The Federation of  
Korean Information Industries



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The Hong Kong Electronic Industries Association



More than 15 years have passed since the ITA was born and not a single product has been added to it even though the ICT sector is bursting with innovation



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and growth. We therefore call on the ITA members to build on the current momentum, aim high for an ambitious, meaningful outcome, and complete their negotiations to expand this critically important agreement within a year.

We continue to be deeply committed to working closely with our governments to achieve a swift and ambitious outcome that will expand trade, stimulate growth, increase jobs, spur innovation, and promote prosperity around the world.

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The American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (AmCham Vietnam, Vietnam) - Association of Electronic Industries in Singapore (AEIS, Singapore) - The Association of Thai ICT Industry (ATCI, Thailand) - Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA, Australia) - Brazilian Association of IT Companies (ASSEPRO, Brazil) - Business Software Alliance (BSA, USA) - Camara de Industrias de Costa Rica (CICR, Costa Rica) - Camera & Imaging Products Association (CIPA, Japan) - Colombian Software and IT Industry Federation (FEDESOFIT, Colombia) - Communications and Information Network Association of Japan (CIAJ, Japan) - Communications and Manufacturing Association of India (CMAI, India) - Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA, USA) - Computer Society of Kenya (Kenya) - Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA, USA) - Consumer Electronics Association (CEA, USA) - Consumer Electronics Technology Industry Association (CETIA, USA) - Costa Rican-American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham Costa Rica, Costa Rica) - Egyptian Information Telecom, Electronics and S/W Alliance (Eiteasal, Egypt) - Electro-Federation Canada (EFC, Canada) - The European Engineering Industries Association (ORGALIME, EU) - Entertainment Battery Software Association (ESA, USA) - European-American Business Council (EABC, USA-EU) - Federation of Hellenic ICT Enterprises (SEPE, Greece) - The Federation of Korean Information Industries (FKII, Korea) - Guatemalan Software Commission (SOFEX, Guatemala) - The Hong Kong Electronic Industries Association (HKEIA, Hong Kong) - Hong Kong Information Technology Federation (HKITF, Hong Kong) - Ibero American Federation of IT Associations (ALETI, Latin America) - ICT Associations of Jordan - Int@ (int@, Jordan) - ICT Chamber of Commerce - MASIT (MASIT, Macedonia) - IKT-Norge (IKT-Norge, Norway) - Infocomm Technology Association of the Philippines (ITAP, Philippines) - Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC, Canada) - Information Technology Association of Nigeria (ITAN, Nigeria) - Information Technology Industry Council (ITI, USA) - Intellect (United Kingdom) - Interactive Games & Entertainment Association (iGEOA, Australia and New Zealand) - Interactive Software Federation of Europe (ISFE, EU) - Israel Association of Electronics and Software Industries (IAESI, Israel) - Japan Business Machine and Information System Industries Association (JBMIA, Japan) - The Japan Electrical Manufacturers' Association (JEMA, Japan) - Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA, Japan) - Japan Information Technology Services Industry Association (JISA, Japan) - Korea Electronic Association (KEA, Korea) - National Association of Manufacturers (NAM, USA) - National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA, USA) - National ICT and Multimedia Association of Malaysia (PIKOM, Malaysia) - National ICT Confederation of the Philippines (NICP, Philippines) - PRBA-The Rechargeable Battery Association (USA) - Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines (SEIPI, Philippines) - Semiconductor Equipment & Materials International (SEMI, USA) - Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA, USA) - Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA, USA) - Taipei Computer Association (TCA, Taiwan) - Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (TEEMA, Taiwan) - TechAmerica (TechAmerica, USA) - Technology CEO Council (TCC, USA) - Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA, USA) - United States Council for International Business (USCIB, USA) - United States Information Technology Office (USITO, USA) - World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA, USA)

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