



China

PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

ACTION PLAN FROM THE RESULTS OF THE SYMPOSIA FOR REGULATORS

Introduction

The second annual Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) was held in Geneva from 3-5 December 2001. The theme of the Symposium was "Effective Regulation." The GSR concluded with a four-point action plan for the BDT to develop the tools for effective regulation to assist regulators:

1. Focus on Skills Training;
2. Develop Benchmarks and Models;
3. Bolster Regional and Sub-regional initiatives; and
4. Broaden input beyond the community of regulators.

Following the output from the GSR, and proposals initiated by the regulatory agencies of France, India, Morocco and Venezuela which comprise the Global Regulators Exchange (G-REX) steering committee, China proposes the following for the WTDC-02's consideration. The proposals also have the support of the regulatory agencies of France, India, Morocco and Venezuela.

The Proposals

Focus on Skills Training

The action plan requests the BDT to focus on skill building for regulators, through training and collecting information on other training programmes and training centers. The training should be provided on a regional or sub-regional basis, bringing together countries that are geographically close and have similar circumstances.

On this basis, China proposes that the BDT should support and develop short and long term training strategies and programmes, with details on:

- i. The subjects of programmes (issues/aspects), target trainees (regulators in general or technical/legal/economic personnel) and the priority;
- ii. The detailed training implementation plan, e.g., the mode of training (regional/sub-regional basis, on line/physical attendance);

- iii. The viability of coordinating with other regional/sub-regional organizations to provide training;
- iv. Training schedule.

Benchmarks and Models

With regard to the development of benchmarks and models, the BDT will identify and prioritize the pressing issues to be studied. Once the issues are identified and prioritized, it is proposed that the BDT should:

- i. Conduct studies utilizing the G-REX¹ as a forum for discussion and data collection, and engaging experts to study and develop models; and
- ii. Consider how the study results and models developed can be best disseminated to maximize their use, e.g. by incorporating them in to the training programmes developed in Point 1 of the action plan.

Regional and Sub-regional Initiatives

The action plan requests the BDTG to bolster regional and sub-regional regulatory services including fostering the development of regional associations for regulators, and convening regional gatherings for regulators. On this basis, it is proposed that the BDT should:

- i. Develop short and long term implementation plan to bolster regional and sub-regional services; and
- ii. Consider the viability of coordinating with other appropriate regional/sub-regional organizations with a view to providing relevant regulatory training and develop a working method of coordinating with these organizations if such course is viable.

Broader Input

The action plan requests the BDT to solicit input from a broader array of market players while maintaining a forum for the free and frank exchange among regulators. To take this action point forward, China proposes that the BDT should develop short and long term plans for the actual implementation of the concrete proposals.

Support from WTDC-02

China would seek WTDC-02's support and endorsement of the four-point action plan and the proposals as above.

¹ BDT launched the Global Regulators' Exchange (G-REX) in May 2001. G-REX was one of the actions requested by the first regulators symposium in November 2000. G-REX is an online discussion forum and hotline for regulators and policy makers to facilitate the efficient and effective communications and exchanges of experiences among regulators on the most pressing issues such as interconnection, universal service, etc.