Modernisation of the TCP Legal Mechanisms

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• Your experience and creativity are our best resources
  – Seeking to maximise opportunities for TCPs to share experiences

• Updating legal mechanisms can build on these ideas
  – Catalyse creative approaches that go beyond existing structures
  – Reduce the administrative burden that can hold back TCPs from adapting
What should the updates focus on?

TCPs ranking of priorities for legal modernisation:

- Increase collaboration with external partners - Avg: 8.1
- Deepen integration of TCP inputs into IEA work - Avg: 7.7
- Deepen engagement with emerging economies - Avg: 7.1

Fourth priority topic: streamline administrative processes and procedures
Increase collaboration with external partners

• Increasing need to collaborate across technologies
  – TCPs have great potential due to the breadth of experience among the network

• Short-term participation by external partners
  – Possibility for ExCo to invite partners to participate in a single time-limited task

• Detailed guidance on collaborative projects
  – Consolidating existing TCP experience in addressing common problems
Deepen integration of TCP inputs into IEA work

- **Untapped opportunities for synergies between IEA and TCPs**
  - Highest rating among TCPs among the priorities

- **Possibility for IEA to act as Coordinator for TCP task**
  - New structure allowing IEA to lead a TCP task while avoiding legal issues

- **Streamlined process for TCP access to relevant IEA publications**
  - Currently an ad hoc process in response to specific requests by TCPs
Deepen engagement with emerging economies

Focus will be on retaining these countries and deepening engagement.
Streamline administrative processes

- TCPs, WPs, and CERT have identified as a priority
  - Some legal and governance processes are necessary, but simplify where possible

- Near unanimous support for simplification proposals
  - Universal Annex structure with IP, confidentiality, and funding terms
  - Reduce need for formal letters for TCP representative changes
  - Improvements to request for extension forms (Questionnaire, WP Feedback Form)
  - Clarify confusing terminology (particularly for financial and contracting procedures)
Other considerations

• TCP work should inform policy

• No one-size-fits-all approach
  – Amendments should maintain the diversity among the TCPs

• Preserve what works
  – New structures and tools should be optional where possible

• TCPs should be fully engaged in the process
Next Steps

• **Focus group of TCPs and CERT delegates**
  – Series of discussions focusing on concrete improvements

• **Phase one: Updated TCP Framework**
  – Proposed amendments for CERT consideration in November
  – If approved, CERT to recommend to IEA Governing Board for approval

• **Phase two: TCP Implementing Agreements**
  – Secretariat will work with each TCP individually