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TISA – Instrument for Overcoming GATS Weaknesses?

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Initiatives of TISA

Unfinished business of GATS

Overcoming the Doha blockage

EU-Proposal (modular approach)

Concept of really good friends



Plurilateral models / constitutional structures

Government Procurement Agreement

Information Technology Agreement

Reference Paper (Telecommunications)

Agreement outside the WTO Framework



Plurilateral v. preferential

Negotiations configurations

Critical mass problem

Closed club problem

Internationalization of regionalism



**Article V
GATS
as
negotiation
basis**

Legal limits of Article V GATS

Closed agreement:
economic integration?

Substantial sectorial coverage

Technical issues

Creative market access formulas

Novel listing approaches



Main elements of TISA

Comprehensive scope without exclusion of services' sectors

Compatibility with GATS

Better and more liberalized rules

Flexible structure



Problems of TISA

Sensitive services sectors

Modes of supply

Rule-making laboratory?



Implications of TISA for GATS

Systemic issues

Further developments of DSB practice

Enlargement of scope (IT services, e-business)

Remedying some foundational weaknesses of GATS