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Trade and International Regulatory Co-Operation**

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Paris, France**

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9:30 - 9:40

1. Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

- Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Chair - Didier Chambovey, Chair of the Trade Committee

9:40 - 10:00

2. Synthesis Report - Trade and IRC

This session will discuss the key messages from the synthesis report on Trade and International Regulatory Co-operation: Understanding the Trade Costs of Regulatory Divergences and the Remedies.

- Presentation by the Secretariat of the main findings from the report

10:00 - 11:15

3. Trade costs of regulatory divergence: strengthening the evidence base

The objective of this session is to discuss the different challenges in identifying, measuring and using information on the trade costs of regulatory divergence. What are the frictions / costs that regulatory divergence may unduly generate? What is the evidence on the impacts / magnitude of the problem? Is sufficient information available concerning the trade costs associated with regulatory divergence? If not, what can be done to strengthen the evidence base? Do governments experience difficulty in harnessing available evidence in regulatory decision making processes? If yes, what can be done to strengthen those processes?

- Presentation by a trade delegate on the impacts of regulatory divergences on trade.
- Presentation by regulator on its perspective on the trade-offs needed in developing new regulation to balance this and other perspectives.

Open Discussion with delegations

11:15 - 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 - 12:45

4. Practices of IRC: Towards an evidence-based integrated approach to IRC

The purpose of this session is to discuss the merits and challenges of different IRC approaches to address the trade costs of regulatory divergence. There is a variety of approaches that governments can adopt to limit undue regulatory divergence and its impacts on traders (good regulatory practices and multilateral transparency disciplines, mutual recognition, adoption of international standards). The session aims to shed light on practical approaches: What are the considerations that

can drive the selection of specific IRC approaches? Are some approaches and/or institutions more effective in reducing the trade costs raised by regulatory heterogeneity? How can countries determine where to focus and how to act in a specific country and sector context?

Chair - Gary Banks, Chair of the Regulatory Policy Committee

- A country perspective on an integrated approach to IRC
- A sector-specific approach to IRC

Open Discussion with delegations

12:45 - 13:00 **5. Conclusion: What and where to next?**

- Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD
 - Ken Ash, Director, Trade and Agriculture, OECD
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