PACE Side Event

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About ITI

• ITI is the premier high-tech trade association in the United States

• We represent 45 of the leading global companies in information and communications technologies (ICT)
  – Our members are global leaders in innovation from all areas of ICT
  – Numerous members are recognized as top green companies (Newsweek Top 500)

• ITI is the lead OEM representative in PACE
Commitment to Global Citizenship

• Consistent with the U.N. Millennium Development Goals, our industry is committed to increasing access to information and communications technologies

• We recognize the importance of ensuring environmentally sound management ("ESM") of used and obsolete equipment
  – E-waste stream in developing regions expected to exceed that of developed regions by 2016-2018 (Envt’l Science Technology, Feb. 2010)
  – Need a globally viable solution
Benefits of ESM

• ESM can provide significant global economic and environmental benefits
  – Legitimate refurbishment and reuse extends the useful life of valuable equipment and helps bridge the digital divide
  – Proper materials recovery addresses concerns over resource shortages, while also reducing the overall environmental footprint
Ensuring ESM

- Promote responsible handling by facilitating the movement of e-waste to qualified ESM facilities
  - Real concerns over sham shipments and potential environmental and health impacts to the informal sector
  - “Recycling – From E-waste to Resources” (StEP 2010)
    - ESM requires combination of high tech and low tech treatment options
    - Regional “hub” approaches and investments with the aim of expanding local and regional capacity to provide ESM
- Promote transparency and traceability to help distinguish legitimate from illegitimate shipments
  - Preserve legitimate refurbishment operations without providing a loophole for sham shipments
Key Role for PACE

- Development of Refurbishment and Recycling Guidelines can help set a global standard for ESM
- Promote globally responsible recycling practices through pilot projects
- Identify opportunities to facilitate ESM
- Work closely with Parties in preparation of Transboundary Movement Guidelines
Our Commitment

• On behalf of our member companies, ITI remains committed to supporting the successful completion of PACE

• We look forward to working with all stakeholders on achieving a consensus result that is environmentally and economically sound