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Dear Representative Chen:

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AIT confirms that the United States will apply the general provisions, Appendix A, and Phase I Procedures in Appendix B of the APEC Telecom MRA to telecommunications equipment from Chinese Taipei. The APEC Telecom MRA is attached to and an integral part of this letter.

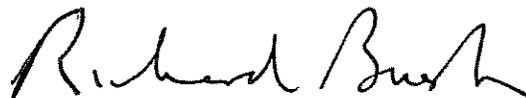
In particular, the United States will apply the Phase I Procedures in Appendix B for the recognition of testing laboratories designated by Chinese Taipei as Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and the acceptance of test reports from recognized Chinese Taipei CABs for conformity assessment of telecommunications equipment with the Technical Regulations of the United States. Attached is the list of Technical Regulations for which the United States will accept test reports from recognized CABs. Any modifications to this list shall be notified in accordance with the general provisions of APEC Telecom MRA.

I also am pleased to inform you that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is the Designating Authority for the United States. NIST may designate testing laboratories in accordance with the general provisions and Appendix A of the APEC Telecom MRA for recognition as CABs by Chinese Taipei. The United States understands that it will be necessary to exchange information on the technical criteria for accrediting CABs. The FCC is the point of contact for the United States for activities under this mutual recognition arrangement.

Except, however, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is the point of contact for the United States for electrical safety.

AIT further confirms that the United States will undertake steps with Chinese Taipei for mutually satisfactory implementation of the Phase II Procedures in Appendix C of the APEC Telecom MRA with the goal of beginning such implementation as early as possible after completion of necessary domestic procedures.

Sincerely,

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Richard Bush
Chairman of the Board
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Attachments: APEC Telecom MRA
Annex I List of technical Regulations

ANNEX I
TO PHASE I AND II PROCEDURES
LIST OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(Note: CFR stands for Code of Federal Regulations)

The Technical Regulations for which the United States of America will accept test reports or equipment certifications from recognized Conformity Assessment Bodies designated by other Parties are:

1. Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Title 47 of the United States Code).
2. The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Telephone Terminal Equipment are contained in 47 CFR Parts 2 and 68. Interpretations of these regulations may be obtained on the FCC Web page or by contacting the Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC. (*FCC Form 730 Application Guide* provides useful guidelines for the implementation of conformity assessment procedures for telecommunications equipment falling within these regulations.)
3. The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Transmitter Equipment are contained in the FCC Rule Parts shown below. Interpretations of these regulations may be obtained on the FCC Web page or by contacting the Office of Engineering and Technology.

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Cable Television Radio	(47 CFR Part 78)
Maritime	(47 CFR Part 80)
GMDSS	(47 CFR Part 80W)
Private Land Mobile	(47 CFR Part 90)
Private-Fixed Microwave	(47 CFR Part 94)
Personal Radio Services	(47 CFR Part 95)
IVDS	(47 CFR Part 95 F)
Amateur Radio	(47 CFR Part 97)
Radio Frequency Devices	(47 CFR Part 15)
Fixed Microwave Services	(47 CFR Part 101)

4. The U.S. FCC Rules and Regulations for Telephone Terminal Equipment Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Requirements are contained in the FCC Rule Parts shown below. Interpretations of these regulations may be obtained on the FCC Web page or by contacting the Office of Engineering and Technology.

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5. The U.S. regulatory and administrative provisions in respect of equipment subject to electrical safety requirements, are contained in 29 CFR 1910 subpart S, and 29 CFR 1910.7, and are limited to equipment subject to Technical Regulations specified in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above.

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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