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Trans-Pacific Partnership: A 21st Century Regional Agreement

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Outline

- 1. What's unique about P4?
- 2. What's unique about TPP?
- 3. Comparison between P4 and TPP.
- 4. Progress of negotiations.

1. What's unique about P4?

The P4 Agreement is inclusive - allows for it to evolve and expand by adding new members.

Countries joining the TPP;

The U.S. - September 2008
Australia and Peru - November 2008
Viet Nam - November 2010
Malaysia - 4 October 2010.

2. What's unique about TPP?

- High level of ambition worthy of a 21st Century Agreement
- Aim to create and retain jobs
- Promotes innovation and competitiveness
- Addresses new and emerging issues where traditional FTA does not give enough focus on, i.e.
 - Horizontal Issues
 - Regulatory coherence
 - Development
 - Competitiveness and Business Facilitation
 - SME's,

3. Comparison

Chapter Commitment in P4 and TPP

Cooperation Customs Procedure Government Procurement Rules of Origin Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary and Technical Barrier to Trade Trade in Goods Trade in Goods Trade Remedies Trade in Services Temporary Entry of Business Persons Competition

Chapters where P4 does not have one

E Commerce Financial Services Investment Telecommunications Horizontal Issues

What's unique about TPP? (cont'd)

- Stakeholders participation:
 - Business, academics, NGO's
 - Opportunity to present their views
 - Opportunity to talk to negotiators

3. Comparison (cont'd)

Chapters with Different level of Commitment

- Environment Cooperation
 Agreement
 MOU on Labour Cooperation
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Horizontal Issues

- Focus on Competitiveness and Business Facilitation
 - Development,
 - SME's
 - Regulatory Coherence

TPP enhances Transparency

Behind the border measures

4. Progress of negotiations?

8th round held in Chicago, 6th to 15th Sept 2011.

Essentially, good progress was made on virtually all texts

Some chapters are more complex and require more detailed negotiations.

Remain hopeful on meeting Ministers' instructions to provide a broad outline/framework of the TPP Agreement by November.



THANK YOU