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International developments in telecommunications

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INTUG what is INTUG?

- members
 - national associations
 - corporations
 - individuals
- activities
 - ITU and WTO
 - OECD
 - APEC TEL, CITELE and EU

INTUG our aims

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- real and effective competition
- genuine choice for users
- lower prices
- higher quality
- more innovative services
- constructive co-operation with
 - international bodies
 - governments
 - regulators

INTUG priorities

1. open access to global mobile networks
2. regulatory best practice
3. liberalization
4. leased lines
5. IP telephony
6. digital divide
7. universal access
8. numbering

INTUG liberalisation

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- corporatisation
- privatisation
- regulatory certainty
 - independence of regulator
 - effective system of appeal
- phasing in competition
- tariffs
 - rebalancing
 - allowing competition wherever possible
- encouraging investment
- technological neutrality

INTUG convergence

- technologies
- networks
- services
- markets
- regulation

If markets are going to be competitive,
then you should consider putting telecoms
close to the competition authority

INTUG universal access

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- accounting separation
- low-user schemes
- calculating the benefits of being a universal service provider
- separating services
- reverse auctions
- funds
- education and libraries

INTUG IP telephony

- benefits for callers
 - consumers
 - deployed by business
- effects on traditional revenues
- allows in new market players

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INTUG mobile technologies

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- how and when to regulate?
- well established market abuses
- uncertain ideas about mobile Internet:
 - 2.5G (GPRS, EDGE)
 - 3G
 - Wireless LANs
 - IP data casting
- broadband for those with no fixed lines!

INTUG conclusions

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- lessons to be learned:
 - from everyone
 - by everyone
- not getting stuck on the way to competition is tough
- policy framework needs to be very general to survive

INTUG thank you

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