

A. Regulatory cooperation

9. Products placed on markets need to comply with the regulatory requirements in domestic and export markets. Consistent with the requirements of the World Trade Organization (WTO) administered multilateral trading system, technical regulations should be developed with the aim of addressing health, safety and environmental concerns without posing unnecessary barriers to trade. Businesses need to study, understand and comply with such regulatory requirements by implementing standards referenced in national technical regulations. **Harmonizing these requirements across borders based on internationally agreed standards can facilitate this process; this is the essence of *Recommendation L on International Model for Transnational Regulatory Cooperation Based on Good Regulatory Practice* and the main objective of the Ad Hoc Team of Specialists Standardization and Regulatory Techniques (START).**

10. In the area of regulatory cooperation, WP.6 plans to conduct the following activities:

~~(a) Continue to expand the “Standards for the SDGs” portal with further mappings, case studies and commentaries as provided by partners~~

(a) Review existing recommendations and guidance material (beyond those specifically listed elsewhere in this document) to evaluate if revisions or modifications are necessary with a view to ensuring regulatory harmonization

(b) Review for possible updates the *Recommendation L on International Model for Transnational Regulatory Cooperation Based on Good Regulatory Practice* notably to provide guidance on services and processes harmonization *Recommendation K on Metrological Assurance of Conformity Assessment and Testing*

(c) Develop a common regulatory arrangement for trunk pipeline safety in relation to hydrogen and/or ammonia or other gases

(d) Develop further examples relative to the common regulatory arrangement of cybersecurity

(e) Develop materials (presentation slide deck, resources, media content) that can be used to promote the work of START

(f) Develop guidance related to the challenges for market surveillance in relation to data-based products utilizing innovations.