



Panel 1 EFFECTIVE REGULATION: CROSS-BORDER SUPERVISION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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Some background information

- Financial markets form a huge international chain
- IOSCO is the common voice of the international securities regulatory community
- Its objectives are to increase market integrity and provide investor protection
- Coordination and speedy exchange of information are key to successful cross-border supervision



The IOSCO Method

- 30 IOSCO Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation endorsed in 1998 and updated on a regular basis
- IOSCO Principles are outcome based
- Adjusted to level of development and local market and legal circumstances
- Rules based versus principles based approach according to circumstances
- → New guidance to facilitate convergence Ex: conflicts of interest in sec.offerings



Harmonization/convergence/recognition

- Major corporate scandals led to more stringent regulation and enforcement
- "Effective" or "better" regulation requires some form of:
 - -harmonization, sometimes slow and costly
 - -convergence with roadmap/target
 - -mutual recognition with common foundation of principles
 - → In an international context the three methods are not mutually exclusive



A successful example of mutual recognition : the IOSCO MMoU

Cross border investigations on:
insider dealing
market manipulation...
...related to pub/non public info.





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- A common set of international principles on cooperation and exchange of information for investigation purposes
- An agreed, fair and stringent verification and screening process for new signatories to the MMoU
- A strong monitoring of compliance with the MMoU Provisions
- → How to extend the scope of mutual recognition? Would another MMoU be able to cover other sets of principles?



Dialogue with industry

- Add active dialogue with stakeholders to the usual public consultation policy and technical advices
- Two way dialogue on market integrity and regulatory efficiency will facilitate convergence and/or mutual recognition
- → TC work program for public consultation released in March 2007
- Mechanism for a structured dialogue to be designed and operational before year end



Thank you