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Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, IAS Secretary Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Subject: MAIT's Recommendations for the new proposed SEZ Act on behalf of India's Electronics & Telecom Industry

Respected Sir,

Greetings from *MAIT*, India's apex body empowering IT, Telecom & Electronics Hardware Sector!

This bears reference to Hon'ble Finance Minister's announcement in Budget 2022 where she proposed that "The Special Economic Zones Act will be replaced with a new legislation that will enable the states to become partners in 'Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs'. This will cover all large existing and new industrial enclaves to optimally utilize available infrastructure and enhance competitiveness of exports."

MAIT as India's apex Industry body empowering IT, Telecom & Electronics Hardware believes that the very proposal is a welcome move that can enhance competitiveness in exports. In this context, MAIT had a series of deliberations with the Electronics and Telecom Hardware Industry and made a set of recommendations for your kind consideration to be included in the revised SEZ Act.

Please find attached our recommendations along with the justification for your kind perusal.

Lastly, though not a part of SEZ recommendations directly, we solicit your support in extension of RoDTEP scheme to MOOWR. The rationale for this request is the ineligibility of RoDTEP scheme for exporters operating out of MOOWR is a big deterrent for them to opt for this scheme.

We sincerely hope that the above recommendations shall find merit with you and look forward to working closely with the Ministry. Should you need any further clarity/justification on the asks, MAIT shall be happy to connect with your office.

Look forward to your continuous support.

With regards,

George Paul

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