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**SECTION 1377 REVIEW OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE
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1. The United States Council for International Business (USCIB) has submitted comments on Singapore's telecommunications regulatory regime in response to the annual review of U.S. telecommunications trade agreements pursuant to Section 1377 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the 1377 report).
2. IDA would want to highlight that the comments submitted by the USCIB in relation to Singapore's telecoms sector – the issue of tandem access and the associated matters, are not new. They have been discussed and responded to in 2007's 1377 review process. The USCIB, in most parts, has submitted a word-for-word replica of last year's comments. IDA's consideration on the matters raised remains the same, and our reply last year applies.

Sincerely,



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