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Part I  Context

- China is a developing country.
- Newly Acceded Member of the WTO
  ① Date of Accession: 11 December 2001
  ② Extensive Services Commitments: 62.5%
  ③ Not Status Quo, But Future Reform
- State of Play of Services Trade

Part II  Coordination

- Lead Coordinator
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Part II  Coordination (continued)

- Coordination of Decision-Making

① Beijing-Geneva Interaction
② Inter-agency Coordination Mechanism
③ Intra-ministry Coordination Mechanism
④ Invite Academia to Participate
⑤ Engage Industrial Associations
⑥ Publish Articles on Newspaper

Part III  Contributions

- Mainly in the area of Domestic Regulation

Awareness of domestic regulation increases significantly among government agencies.
Part III Contributions (continued)

- Case Study 1
  Ministry of Construction

- Case Study 2
  Ministry of Justice

- Case Study 3
  All stakeholders

Part IV Challenges

- Capacity
- Language
- Experience
- Relevance
- Resources
- Balance
Part V  Conclusion

- A proactive role rather than a reactive one will help China better understand, participate in and contribute to the rules negotiations.
- It is imperative to find effective ways to address challenges, especially capacity, language and relevance.
- Technical assistance like this seminar is of vital importance to build up experience and capacity.
- Benefits depend on domestic coordination efficiency and the subsequent capacity to negotiate in Geneva.

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