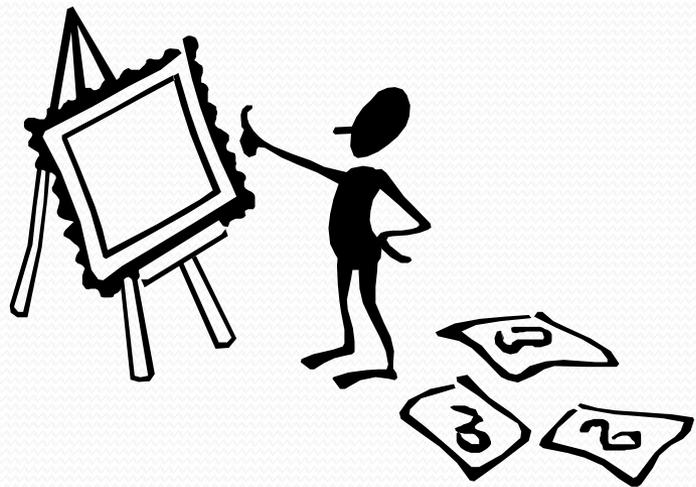


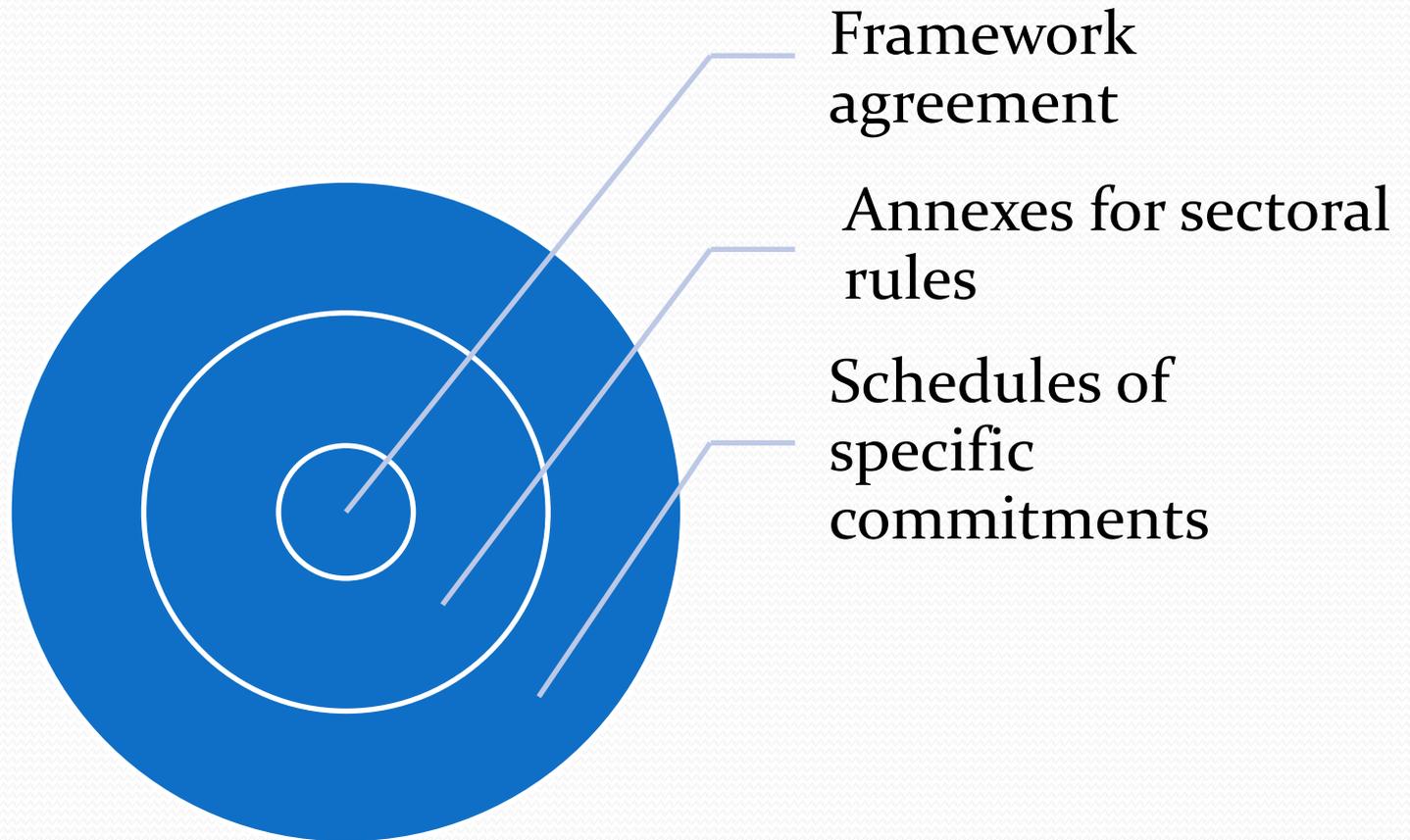
Liberalization modalities in GATS and PTAs

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The GATS approach

Structure of the GATS



GATS Annexes

- MFN Exemptions
- Movement of Natural Persons
- Financial Services
- Telecommunications
- Air Transport
- Maritime Transport

Schedules of specific commitments under the GATS

- A Member's GATS schedule contains commitments on market access and national treatment.
- They are results of negotiations, representing the binding level of market conditions in services.
- They also serve as the starting point for future negotiations and thus embody the principle of progressive liberalization.
- It is to ensure transparency, certainty and predictability in international trade relations in services.

Reasons for a scheduling mechanism

Facts:

- There are no tariffs in services trade.
- Regulations in services sectors are indispensable for the pursuit of policy goals.
- However, certain regulatory measures are deemed economically unnecessary and should be removed for trade.
- A huge disparity exists among countries in terms of the level of overall service industry. The case is even stronger in individual service sectors

Solution:

- A mechanism is needed equivalent to tariff schedules, allowing for progressive liberalization and distinguishing trade barriers from necessary regulations
- Schedules of specific commitments are also the embodiment of the principle of progressive liberalization

Scheduling: distinction between trade Barriers and domestic regulation



- Market Access (Article XVI)

 - mostly quantitative restrictions

- National Treatment (Article XVII)

 - discriminatory measures

- Domestic Regulation (Article VI:4)

 - qualitative (minimum) and procedural requirements - regulatory autonomy of Members subject to rules aimed at minimising trade restrictive effects (Article VI:4)

What's in a Schedule?

- Market access (Art. XVI)
 - Mostly quantitative restrictions
- National treatment (Art. XVII)
 - Discriminatory measures
- Additional commitments (Art. XVIII)

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