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Conditional Offer of Finland
Concerning Initial Commitments

The following communication is circulated at the request of the delegation of Finland.

Progressive liberalization on trade in services is for Finland an essential part of the Uruguay Round negotiations on services. To this effect, and to ensure predictable and stable trading conditions, parties should enter into negotiations to bind their commitments.

Finland is prepared as an initial commitment under the General Agreement on Trade in Services to bind its present market access and national treatment conditions in all services sectors to be covered by the Agreement. Any new measure affecting market access or national treatment would maintain the level of restriction previously applied or be more liberal.

This offer is presented as a basis for negotiations on initial commitments. Finland expects corresponding offers from other parties that participate in the services negotiations. A balanced outcome of the negotiations would require commitments from other parties to bind their regulatory measures in areas of interest to Finland.

This offer is conditional. Finland reserves its right to modify, reduce or withdraw this offer according to the following criteria:

- The quality and number of offers by other parties in order to foster the progressive liberalization of all services sectors.
- The contents and quality of the framework agreement including sectoral annexes. Particular consideration shall be given to the most-favoured-nation clause in order to secure an economically meaningful agreement.

Furthermore, Finland is prepared to enter into negotiations with other parties on additional market access and national treatment concessions. Any such additional commitments would be bound in the Finnish national schedule as a part of a balanced outcome where other parties made corresponding commitments of interest to Finland.

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The Finnish offer does not include or affect measures taken for the purpose of regulating entry into, residence in or exit from Finnish territory. No changes to the Finnish constitution, labour market laws, regulations or practices or to the jurisdiction over activities taking place inside Finnish territory are contemplated as a result of the offer presented in this paper.