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Conditional Offer by the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect  
to Aruba concerning Initial Commitments on Trade in Services

Corrigendum

The following communication is circulated at the request of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

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The Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba hereby presents the following Corrigendum to document MTN.GNS/W/159 for circulation in conformity with the enclosed communication. The revision refers only to the covering letter, and not to the schedule of specific commitments.

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The Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba has the honour to present herewith its offer concerning initial commitments for negotiations in the framework of the future General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

This offer applies only to the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba. Aruba is part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, but enjoys an autonomous status under the "Statute of the Kingdom of the Netherlands" of 1954, as modified in 1986. Aruba does not form part of the European territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a member state of the European Economic Community, but the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community applies fully only with respect to its territory in Europe.

Aruba is considered as an overseas Country or Territory of a member state of the European Economic Community in the sense of Article 227, paragraph 3 of the Treaty of Rome, 1957. The relations between Aruba and the European Economic Community are governed by Part IV of the Treaty of Rome and Decisions by the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community in the application thereof. This offer does not prejudice or influence in any way the relations between Aruba and the European Economic Community.

The present offer is subject to a satisfactory outcome of the initial commitments negotiations in the services sector in the Uruguay Round. Consequently, the Kingdom of the Netherlands reserves the right to modify or withdraw this offer, should no satisfactory result be reached in this respect.

The Kingdom's readiness to maintain the current offer will be dependent on the willingness of its negotiations partners to assume, taking into account their levels of development, comparable commitments to those assumed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba. The Kingdom will especially take into account the commitments taken on by the most important trading partners of Aruba in order to make their appreciation on whether the offer needs to be reduced, extended or withdrawn.

The offer has been established on the basis of the draft GATS and the Secretariat Note on Scheduling of Commitments dated 13 December 1991, as well as on the results of subsequent informal consultations in the context of the GNS. The Kingdom reserves the right to correct the offer to take into account any further clarifying discussions.

The nomenclature used is based on that set out in MTN.GNS/W/120, with some variations. Where possible, reference has been made to the Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC).

The Kingdom of the Netherlands with respect to Aruba is ready to give further clarification on request and is also ready to participate in the negotiating sessions on initial commitments.