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TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The attached communication is circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Community to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

Indicative List of Sectors of Interest to the European Community

In responding to the invitation in the Declaration agreed in Montreal to submit "indicative lists of sectors of interest", the Community would underline that, in its view, the main purpose of these lists is to facilitate "the process of examining the implications and applicability of concepts, principles and rules for particular sectors and specific transactions".

It would be erroneous to confuse such an examination with the negotiation either of specific obligations in relation to any sector, or indeed of the overall sectoral coverage of the agreement. Any attempt to enter into such a negotiation at this stage in the work of the GNS would risk jeopardising progress towards the assembly of "the necessary elements for a draft which would permit negotiations to take place for the completion of all parts of the multilateral framework and its entry into force by the end of the Uruguay Round".

In this light, the Community puts forward the following considerations:

1. Sectoral Coverage

The Community position with respect to the sectoral coverage of the future services agreement remains the same: in principle, all internationally tradeable service sectors should be covered. If an enumeration of these sectors is found to be a necessary, integral part of the agreement, it should, however, not be agreed before the draft agreement itself is available.

In this connection, the reference list compiled by the Secretariat would, at the appropriate time, constitute a useful starting point for such a discussion.

2. Sectoral Examination

The examination of the applicability and the implications of the application of concepts, principles and rules to individual sectors and types of transactions would most appropriately be conducted on a horizontal basis, i.e. by allowing participants to indicate, in relation to any particular concept, principle or rule, the specificities of its application to any particular sector or sectors.

The Community has already undertaken a preliminary internal examination of sectoral specificities. From this examination it appears that an initial list of sectors which it will wish to refer to in the context of this examination, and without prejudice to the coverage of the final agreement, would include:

- Audiovisual Services
- Banking and Securities-Related Activities
- Business Services
- Construction
- Insurance
- Telecommunications and Information Services
- Tourism
- Transport

The Community may wish to refer to other sectors in the course of the GNS' examination of sectoral specificities.