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Basic Telecommunications Services Annex and
Telecommunications Annex

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Basic Telecommunications Services

Annex

Paragraph 1 should be read as follows:

1. This Annex applies to public telecommunications transport networks and services offered or required by a measure of a Party to be offered to the public generally.

For the purpose of this annex: the term public telecommunications transport services means any telecommunications transport service offered to the public generally or required by a measure of a Party to be offered to the public generally. Such services typically involve the real-time transmission of customer-supplied information between two or more points without any end-to-end change in the form or content of the customer's information. Examples of such services are: Telephone Service; Packet-Switched Data Transmission Service; Circuit-Switched Data Transmission Service; Telex Service; Telegraph Service; Facsimile Service; Private Leased Circuit Service.

For the purpose of this annex: the term public telecommunications transport network means the public telecommunications infrastructure which permits the conveyance of telecommunications signals between and among defined network termination points. Examples of such networks are: Fibre-Optic Transmission Systems; Satellite Transmission Systems; Integrated Service Digital Networks.

Telecommunications Annex

Based on interventions made at the 20/21 November meeting on the Telecommunications Annex, the following provisions which appear in unbracketed form in the Telecommunications Annex should be bracketed:

16. In the application of Article VI of the Agreement, Parties shall ensure that conditions are not imposed on such access and use other than as necessary:

- (a) to safeguard the public service responsibilities of telecommunications transport networks and services
[, including the prevention of bypass of such networks and services unless allowed by a Party];

[17. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 16, conditions for access to and use of public telecommunications transport networks and services may include those relating to:

- (a) the re-sale or shared use of such services;
- (b) specification of technical interfaces with such networks;
- (c) inter-operability of such services, where necessary;
- (d) attachment of terminal equipment to such networks;
- (e) the interconnection of private leased or owned circuits with such network or services [or with circuits leased by another service provider]; and
- (f) notification, registration and licensing requirements, if any.]