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Corrigendum

The following communication is circulated at the request of the permanent delegation of Sri Lanka to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

Sri Lanka hereby presents the following Corrigendum to document MTN.GNS/W/148 for circulation. The Corrigendum has been necessitated by the recent conversion of the Greater Colombo Economic Commission (GCEC) to the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOISL).

The Corrigendum refers only to paragraph 3, sub-paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) in Part II of Sri Lanka's conditional offer and not to the sectoral commitments in Part IV. Paragraphs 3(b), (c) and (d) should read as follows:

- "3. (b) The foreign investment law applicable to foreign investors is the Greater Colombo Economic Commission (GCEC) Law No. 4 of 1978, as amended to date, presently known as the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (BOISL) Act by G.C.E.C. (Amendment) Act No. 49 of 1992 (referred to as "the Law"), supplemented by: (i) BOISL Regulation No. 1 of 1978, as amended to date; and (ii) BOISL Regulation No. 1 of 1991.
- (c) The BOISL is responsible for the approval and facilitation of foreign investment throughout the country, other than for investments made by purchasing shares in the Colombo Stock Exchange, or for investments in a number of activities, which are regulated by other Statutory Agencies, including the following:
- (i) Banking
 - (ii) Financial institutions
 - (iii) Insurance
 - (iv) Trading services on the Colombo Stock Exchange
 - (v) Air transportation
 - (vi) Coastal shipping

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- (vii) Branch or Liaison Office of companies incorporated outside Sri Lanka
 - (viii) Lotteries
- (d) Foreign investment of up to 40 per cent of equity in a company proposing to carry on a business activity listed below other than those listed above will be automatically approved by the BOISL. Foreign investment in excess of 40 per cent (and up to 100 per cent) in a company proposing to carry on a business activity listed below other than those listed above will be approved by the BOISL on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the relevant State Agencies. This situation will be reviewed every two years with the aim of further simplification. The relevant sectors are the following:
- (i) Construction and residential buildings
 - (ii) Mass transportation
 - (iii) Telecommunications
 - (iv) Mass communications
 - (v) Education
 - (vi) Professional services
 - (vii) Freight-forwarding
 - (viii) Travel agencies
 - (ix) Shipping agencies"