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Revised MFN Exemption List of Colombia

The following communication is circulated at the request of Colombia to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

1. As agreed at the informal meetings of the Group of Negotiations on Services (GNS) on 29 October and 26 November 1993, Colombia presents below its intentions with regard to exemptions from m.f.n. treatment set out in accordance with the Annex on Article II Exemptions of the draft General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) (document SVC 2251), and drafted on the basis of the format suggested in GATT Secretariat Note 2061 of 15 September 1993.
2. In keeping with its position during the negotiations, the exemptions requested by Colombia represent the minimum necessary to protect the international commitments that are incompatible with m.f.n. treatment, thus departing as little as possible from this key principle of the GATS.
3. In view of the continuing imprecision, uncertainty and technical and substantive discussions with respect to the treatment that should be given to m.f.n. exemptions, this list should be considered provisional from the standpoint of its coverage and specific content. Furthermore, Colombia reserves the right to modify this list at any time prior to the formal conclusion of the Uruguay Round negotiations.
4. The final configuration and scale of Colombia's initial commitments on services, including its list of m.f.n. exemptions, will depend on the quality of the commitments of the other participants in the negotiations on goods and services in the Round.

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LIST OF ARTICLE II EXEMPTIONS FOR COLOMBIA

Sector or Sub-Sector	Description of Measure Indicating its Inconsistency with Article II	Countries to which the Measure Applies	Intended Duration	Conditions Creating the Need for the Exemption
A. Education services	Measures relating to the recognition <u>ipso iure</u> of academic degrees of higher education obtained abroad.	All countries	Unlimited	Allows foreigners to exercise in Colombia the professions for which Colombia has concluded agreements on recognition of degrees.
B.1 Maritime transport	Application of the principle of reciprocity: Colombia will apply the principle of reciprocity, taking into account the country's foreign trade interests. In applying the principle it will be guided by the proportion and access conditions of Colombian maritime transport companies with respect to the import cargoes generated by other countries. Reciprocity may be extended to the enterprises associated with Colombian enterprises when access conditions affect the country's foreign trade interests.	All countries	Unlimited	Measures that allow the partial or total restriction of access of foreign enterprises to Colombian cargoes in order to guarantee access for Colombian maritime transport enterprises to the cargoes of other countries.
B.1 Maritime transport	Unfair competition: Colombia will apply measures aimed at levelling distortions in conditions of competition stemming from unfair trade practices.	All countries	Unlimited	Measures to counter the adverse affects of unfair practices.