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COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER

Draft Final Schedule of the Republic of the Niger Concerning
Initial Commitments on Trade in Services

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

CONDITIONAL OFFER CONCERNING INITIAL COMMITMENTS
ON TRADE IN SERVICES

Desiring to contribute to the progressive liberalization and development of trade in services, the Niger presents its schedule of commitments in the transport and tourism sectors.

This offer is established in accordance with the specific provisions relating to less-developed countries as set out in Article IV:3 of the draft General Agreement on Services.

This offer is conditional upon a satisfactory outcome to the negotiations, and the Niger reserves the right to modify or withdraw it, entirely or partially, at any time prior to the entry into force of the multilateral agreement, depending on the final text of the Agreement and the scope and nature of the offers of other participants. In addition, the Niger requests exemptions from the most-favoured-nation clause in the maritime transport sector.

CONDITIONAL OFFER ON LAND, SEA AND RIVER TRANSPORT
RELATING TO COMMITMENTS ON TRADE SERVICES

Sector: Road transport; sub-sectors: maritime and river transport	Proposals on market access	Proposals on national treatment
	Modes of delivery: 1. Cross-border trade 2. Movement of consumers 3. Commercial presence 4. Movement of personnel	Modes of delivery: 1. Cross-border trade 2. Movement of consumers 3. Commercial presence 4. Movement of personnel
(a) International road transport of freight	1. Compliance with Regulation 2/3, 1/3 and TIE Convention 2. In accordance with bilateral agreements 3. No restrictions 4. In accordance with the conditions of national programming of technical co-operation and legislation on employment	1. On a reciprocal basis 2. No restrictions 3. Legislation of the Niger 4. No restrictions for nationals
(b) Professionalization and training of small carriers, and diesel mechanics	1. Not applicable 2. Not applicable 3. Subject to authorization 4. In accordance with existing regulations	1. Not applicable 2. Not applicable 3. Establishment of a certificate of professional competence 4. In accordance with existing regulations
(c) Freight and passenger transport at national level, including river transport	1. Not applicable 2. No limitation 3. Subject to authorization 4. In accordance with existing provisions	1. Not applicable 2. No limitation 3. No limitation, incentives for re-grouping 4. In accordance with existing provisions
(d) Modernization of the transport industry	1. Not bound 2. Not applicable 3. Investment in the Niger subject to existing provisions 4. In accordance with existing legislation	1. Not bound 2. Not applicable 3. No limitation 4. In accordance with employment policy

Tourism sector	Market access	National treatment
	<p>Modes of delivery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cross-border trade 2. Movement of consumers 3. Commercial presence 4. Movement of personnel 	<p>Modes of delivery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cross-border trade 2. Movement of consumers 3. Commercial presence 4. Movement of personnel
<p>(a) Lodging establishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotels - Inns - Camps - Boarding houses (pensions) - Camping sites 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorization required and obligation to open capital to national 2. No limitation 3. Subject to existing regulations 4. Restrictions depending on existing provisions relating to employment and capital transfer and also obligation to have a training programme 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No limitation 2. No limitation 3. Subject to existing regulations 4. No limitations subject to existing regulations on creation of employment for Niger nationals
<p>(b) Restaurants</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorization by competent authorities required 2. No limitation 3. Subject to existing law 4. No limitation but obligation to establish training programme 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not applicable 2. No limitation 3. Subject to existing regulations 4. No restrictions subject to regulations concerning creation of employment for nationals of the Niger
<p>(c) Tourist guides</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obligation to attach at least one local guide 2. No limitation 3. Niger nationality required 4. In accordance with provisions on immigration and obligation to have attached at least one guide of Niger nationality 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not applicable 2. No limitation 3. No limitations subject to existing regulations 4. Not bound
<p>(d) Travel agencies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agencies outside the Niger must work through a Niger or foreign agency established on Niger territory 2. No limitation 3. Obligation to obtain a licence delivered by the competent authorities of the Niger 4. In accordance with legislation on immigration and obligation to create at least 15 permanent jobs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No limitation 2. No limitation 3. Subject to existing regulations 4. Subject to existing regulations on creation of employment for Niger nationals