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COMMUNICATION FROM COTE D'IVOIRE

Revised MFN Exemption List of Côte d'Ivoire

The following communication is circulated at the request of Côte d'Ivoire to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION REGARDING MARITIME TRANSPORT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Annex on Article II Exemptions to the General Agreement on Trade in Services, Côte d'Ivoire has the honour to transmit its request for exemption.

Information is attached regarding the measures, treatment incompatible with Article II:1, the estimated duration of the exemption and the conditions which make the exemption necessary.

LIST OF ARTICLE II EXEMPTIONS FOR CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Measure (i)	Sub-sector (i)	Purpose of measure (ii)	Partners concerned (i)	Existing or future measures (i)	Optional or mandatory (i)	Duration (iii)	Conditions (iv)
Competent government agency. Laws, decrees, decisions based on bilateral or multilateral agreements	Maritime transport. Coastal shipping (cabotage) trade	To grant cabotage rights to trading partners on a reciprocal basis	25 countries	Future		Near future, while the objective pursued takes root	To stimulate international trade and promote regional integration
Competent government agency. Laws, decrees, and decisions based on bilateral and/or multilateral agreements. Resolution of the MCWCS adopted for the implementation of the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences	Maritime transport	Share 80% of liner trade with the national shipping company of the State at the other end of a particular traffic	Not specified	Existing and future, until auxiliary maritime services and post services are developed	Unlimited	Need to ensure that the shipping company has at least 40% of liner trade. Promote development of national or sub-regional fleet so as to underpin economic and social development at the national and/or regional levels. Ensure competitiveness of our export products and reduce cost of imported products in domestic trade. Ensure efficient maritime, auxiliary and port services. Promote infant industry. Measures to be strengthened if trade partners continue to block access to cargoes and practise dumping.	
Competent government agency. Laws, decrees, orders and decisions based on bilateral and/or multilateral decisions	Maritime transport	To share all bulk and specialized cargoes between the shipping companies of State at both ends of a particular traffic	Not specified	Existing or future		Need to ensure 50% of cargoes for national and/or sub-regional shipping companies. Measures to be strengthened if trade partners continue to block access to cargoes and practise dumping.	

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Competent government agency. Laws, decrees, orders and decisions.			Not specified	Existing or future			Need to promote infant industry

- (i) Description of measure
- (ii) Treatment incompatible with II:1
- (iii) Intended duration of exemption
- (iv) Conditions creating the need for the exemption