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Draft Schedule on Basic Telecommunications

Revision

The following communication is circulated at the request of Turkey to Members of the Group on Basic Telecommunications.

Turkey hereby submits the attached draft schedule to the Group on Basic Telecommunications.

This draft schedule is conditioned upon the final conclusion of the negotiations on basic telecommunications on 15 February 1997. Turkey reserves the right to modify, reduce or withdraw this draft, in whole or in part, at any time prior to the conclusion of the negotiations on basic telecommunications. This draft schedule will not be confirmed by Turkey if the negotiations on basic telecommunications will not be concluded.

Turkey further reserves the right to make technical changes, amendments and corrections to the draft.

TURKEY - DRAFT SCHEDULE

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons				
Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments	
2. COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES				
C. Telecommunications services				
a. Voice telephone services	(1) (3) Türk Telekomünikasyon A.Ş. is the exclusive operator. Exclusive right will end by 31.12.2005, subject to adoption of the relevant legislation by the parliament.	(1) (3) Türk Telekomünikasyon A.Ş. is the exclusive operator. Exclusive right will end by 31.12.2005, subject to adoption of the relevant legislation by the parliament.	- <u>Independent Regulatory</u> The regulatory body is separate from and not accountable to any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.	
b. Telex services	(2) None	(2) None	Regulatory and operational functions are separated. The Directorate General of Communications established within the Ministry of Transport and Communications is the Responsible Body to:	
c. Facsimile services	(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.	(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.	- Regulate the required qualifications for operators, - Issue licenses, - Inspect, - Give type approval for telecommunications terminal equipment.	
d. Private leased circuit services	(1) (3) The Ministry of Transport and Communications may grant licence and authorization to private companies for the operation of data network, with licensing criteria publicly available. Interconnection between private companies is prohibited.	(1) (3) The Ministry of Transport and Communications may grant licence and authorization to private companies for the operation of data network, with licensing criteria publicly available. Interconnection between private companies is prohibited. The licenses and permissions are available only for the companies which deal with the subject of licence and registered in Turkey. Total Turkish citizens equity should not be less than 51%.	- <u>Public Availability of Licensing Criteria</u> Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available: a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach on decision concerning an application for a licence and b) the terms and conditions of individual licenses.	
e. Packet-switched data transmission services	(2) None	(2) None		
f. Circuit-switched data transmission services	(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.	(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.		

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g. Telegraph services	<p>(1) Directorate General of Posts is the exclusive service provider.</p> <p>(2) None</p> <p>(3) Directorate General of Posts is the exclusive service provider.</p> <p>(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.</p>	<p>(1) Türk Telekomünikasyon A.Ş. is the exclusive operator.</p> <p>(2) None</p> <p>(3) Türk Telekomünikasyon A.Ş. is the exclusive operator.</p> <p>(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.</p>	
<p>(o) others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile services - analog/digital cellular - Paging services - Cable TV 	<p>(1) (3) The Ministry of Transport and Communications may grant licence and authorization to private companies for the operation of network, with licensing criteria publicly available. Interconnection between private companies is prohibited.</p> <p>(2) None</p> <p>(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.</p>	<p>(1) (3) The Ministry of Transport and Communications may grant licence and authorization to private companies for the operation of network, with licensing criteria publicly available. Interconnection between private companies is prohibited. The licences and permissions are available only for the companies which deal with the subject of licence and registered in Turkey. Total Turkish citizens equity should not be less than 51%.</p> <p>(2) None</p> <p>(4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section.</p>	