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Review of Article II Exemptions

Questionnaire on the List of MFN Exemptions (from Financial Services to Transport Services)

The attached paper has been received from the delegation of Chile with the request that it be circulated to Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

Financial Services

1. European Communities, page 81. What does the tax treatment for which an exception is being made consist of? Does Italy intend to roll-back this measure after 10 years as specified? Will it be done gradually?
2. Honduras, page 81. Are the measures concerning monetary and financial integration, free transfer of capital, and facilitation of the establishment and operation of banks and insurance companies and other financial entities being applied on a bilateral basis with the countries listed? Have the indicated measures entered into force? If so, do the respective agreements containing the measure also contain a clause which permits its termination? How are these agreements consistent with the free trade agreement concluded in the region?
3. Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama, page 81. Why did they not also list the exception just mentioned?
4. Peru, page 84. Does Peru have the intention of rolling back the exception consisting in not applying the most-favoured-nation clause to countries which do not grant reciprocity within a specified time-period? Or does it intend to limit that exception? What does the reservation mentioned on page 85 consist of?

Tourism and travel related services

5. Mexico, page 92. Is this agreement in force? What type of preferences are granted? How is this exception consistent with NAFTA?

Recreational, cultural and sporting services

6. India, page 93. Is this not a negative exception, i.e. does it not provide better treatment to all Members other than Bhutan?

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Maritime transport services

7. Cuba, page 100. Could you please indicate what privileges you grant to countries with which you have concluded bilateral trade and maritime navigation treaties? With which countries have you concluded such treaties? How does this exception contribute to the need to maintain the level of commitments agreed?

8. New Zealand, page 104. Please explain how the inclusion of employees of the nationalities listed in column 3 on New Zealand ships promotes local maritime recruitment and maintains maritime training standards.

9. Thailand, page 108. Could you please explain what the measure exempted from MFN treatment consists in?

Internal waterways transport

10. Austria, page 114. Could you please indicate specifically what the traffic rights exempted from MFN are? What are the specific historical developments and regional aspects which have created the need for this exception?

Air transport services

11. Canada, page 117. Please explain to which countries and repair and maintenance service suppliers preferential treatment is extended? On what criteria is the better treatment based?
