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## Council for Trade in Services

### REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 1996

#### Note by the Secretariat

1. The Council for Trade in Services held a special meeting on 30 April 1996 to address matters relating to the conclusion of the negotiations on basic telecommunications (Airgram WTO/AIR/324).
2. The Chairperson drew attention to document S/NGBT/18 containing the final report of the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunications. The report had been issued by the Negotiating Group pursuant to paragraph 5 of the "DECISION ON NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS". She also drew attention to the draft "FOURTH PROTOCOL TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES" and the draft "DECISION ON COMMITMENTS IN BASIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS" dated 30 April 1996 which had been proposed by the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunications for consideration and adoption by the Council. The Chairperson proposed that the Council take note of the final report contained in document S/NGBT/18 and adopt the Decision on Commitments in Basic Telecommunications.
3. The Council so agreed.