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Draft Offer on Basic Telecommunications

Revision

The following communication is circulated at the request of the Czech Republic to members of the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunications.

In conformity with the commitments undertaken in the context of the work of the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunications, the Czech Republic hereby submits its schedule of commitments on basic telecommunications.

The Czech Republic reserves the right to modify, reduce or withdraw this offer, in whole or in part, at any time prior to the conclusion of the negotiations on basic telecommunications.

The Czech Republic further reserves the right to make technical changes, amendments and corrections to the offer.

CZECH REPUBLIC - SCHEDULE ON BASIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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
Commitments in these sub-sectors are undertaken in accordance with the pro-competitive regulatory disciplines described in the column headed "Additional Commitments", and are subject to the following conditions:			
1. Each service to be provided in the Czech Republic requires a licence to be obtained from the Czech regulatory body.			
2. Licences are granted only to service providers established according to the Czech legislation.			
3. The provision of all services is subject to the availability of scarce resources, the number of licences may be limited due to technical reasons (e.g. frequency, numbering capacity).			
4. Installation and provision of network infrastructure is reserved to licenced operators.			
2.C. TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES:			
Basic local, inter-exchange and international services, supplied over networks using any network technology (e.g. wire-based or radio-based), facilities-based and on a resale basis, for public and non-public, in each of the following market segments:			
a. Voice (telephone) services	(1) None after the year 2000	(1) None	Pro-competitive regulatory disciplines (attached).
g. Private leased circuit services	(2) None	(2) None	
	(3) None after the year 2000	(3) None	
	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	
b. Packet-switched data transmission services	(1) None	(1) None	Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section
c. Circuit-switched data transmission services	(2) None	(2) None	
d. Telex services	(3) None	(3) None	
e. Telegraph services	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	
f. Facsimile services (excluding Postfax services)			

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o. Sector or Sub-sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
Other	(1) None after the year 2000 (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
Satellite services	(3) None after the year 2000 (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	(3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	
Mobile services	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
- digital cellular telephony	(3) None	(3) None	
- PCS (Personal Communication Services)	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	(4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	
- Paging services			
- Mobile data services			
Video Transport services	(1) None (2) None	(1) None (2) None	
Frame - relay services	(3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	(3) None (4) Unbound, except as indicated in horizontal section	

ATTACHMENT
TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC SCHEDULE ON BASIC TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Pro-Competitive Regulatory Commitments

- Licensing shall be based on equal treatment of different service providers and on transparent criteria.
- With regard to interconnection, holder of the licence for providing basic telecommunications services shall be obliged to interconnect with other holders of such licences. Interconnection shall be made on a non-discriminatory basis. Holders of licences shall be obliged to conclude interconnection agreements on the basis of principles issued by a regulatory body. Interconnection fees between service operators shall be cost-based.
- Competition safeguards shall be imposed to prevent service providers from engaging in anti-competitive behaviour and from abusing its market power. The service provider shall be required to use separate accounting procedures and it shall not be permitted to cross - subsidize. The service provider shall be obliged to interconnect approved termination facilities and private circuits, to provide information on parameters of interface and on possibilities of interconnection. Allocation of frequencies and numbering shall be made on a non-discriminatory basis.
- The regulator shall be separate from and independent of any operator and service provider, transparency of regulatory procedures and formulation of transparent regulatory regime shall be guaranteed.