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Draft Offer on Basic Telecommunications

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Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons				
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2.C. TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES				
a. Voice telephone services	(1) Alternative calling practices such as Call-Back and refille are not permitted. "Country Direct" calling card service is possible under the auspices of agreements concluded between operators.	(1) None		
b. Packet switched data transmission services	(2) None	(2) None		
c. Circuit switched data transmission services	(3) The provision of these services is at present reserved, on a de-facto basis, to monopoly or exclusive suppliers, with the exception of Paging Services and private mobile radio which are de-facto duopolies. A second cellular telephone operator will be licensed from 01.05.96 - Resale is not permitted.	(3) Bound under companies Act 1994, Non-Citizens Property Restriction Act 1988, Income Tax Act 1974, Banking Act 1988 (to be explicated).		
d. Telex services	However, the Telecommunication Authority has the legal power to extend licences to additional suppliers of these services on the basis of an economic needs test and subject to the availability of frequencies. ¹			
e. Telegraph services	(4) Unbound except as listed under horizontal commitments.	(4) Unbound except as listed under horizontal commitments.		
f. Facsimile services				
g. Private leased circuit services				
o. Others				
(i) Paging				
(ii) Private Mobile Radio				

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o. Others (continued)			
(iii) Equipment rental services	(1) None	(1) None	
(iv) Equipment sales services	(2) None	(2) None	
(v) Equipment maintenance services	(3) None ¹	(3) Bound under Companies Act 1994, Non-Citizens Property Restriction Act 1988, Income Tax Act 1974, Banking Act 1988 (to be explicated).	
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