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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Draft Offer on Basic Telecommunications

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

Regulatory issues

The Dominican Republic maintains its commitment to the development of a universal service. Nevertheless, it will maintain measures to deal with anti-competitive practices, including in the areas relating to the right of interconnection and freedom to negotiate accounting or distribution rates.

Any terminal or other type of equipment produced abroad that interfaces with the public switched telephone network must be approved in accordance with the standards established for World Numbering Zone 1. The regulatory body may require evidence of such type-approval.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - DRAFT OFFER

Modes of delivery:		(1)	Cross-border supply	(2)	Consumption abroad	(3)	Commercial presence	(4)	Presence of natural persons
Sector or subsector		Limitations on market access			Limitations on national treatment			Additional commitments	
2.C. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES									
(a)	Public telephone services (CPC 7521)	(1)	Unbound	(1)	Unbound	(1)	Unbound		
(d)	Telex services (CPC 7523)	(2)	Unbound	(2)	Unbound	(2)	Unbound		
(e)	Telegraph services (CPC 7522)	(3)	The following requirements must be fulfilled:	(3)	Unbound	(3)	Unbound		
(f)	Facsimile services (CPC 7521 and 7529)	(a)	Establish legal domicile in Dominican territory;	(a)	Unbound	(a)	Unbound		
		(b)	be set up as a legal person in the Dominican Republic; and	(b)	Unbound	(b)	Unbound		
		(c)	obtain a concession from the Executive Branch and, where required, a licence from the telecommunications regulatory body, which at the time of this offer is the Directorate-General of Telecommunications (DGT)	(c)	Unbound	(c)	Unbound		
		(4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments established in the Dominican Republic's Uruguay Round Schedule of Services (GATS/SC/28)	(4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments established in the Dominican Republic's Uruguay Round Schedule of Services (GATS/SC/28)	(4)	Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal commitments established in the Dominican Republic's Uruguay Round Schedule of Services (GATS/SC/28)		