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### Draft Offer on Basic Telecommunications

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| 2.C. Telecommunication Services   |   |   |   |
| a. <u>Voice telephone services</u> 7521<br>Local/Long-distance/International<br>for public<br>facilities-based<br>radio-based   | 1) Unbound, except jointly provided international services under a joint operating agreement.<br>2) Calling card services such as "home country direct" under a joint operating agreement.<br>3) Slovak telecommunications has exclusive rights for telecommunication infrastructure operating and for supplying of public voice services<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section | 1) Unbound, except jointly provided international services under a joint operating agreement.<br>2) Calling card services such as "home country direct" under a joint operating agreement.<br>3) Slovak Telecommunications has exclusive rights for telecommunication infrastructure operating and for supplying of public voice services<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section | <u>Regulation</u><br>Regulatory and operational functions are separated.<br>Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications (MTPT) is responsible for regulation of public infrastructure and public services.<br>Telecommunication Office (TO) is partly independent (director is appointed by minister), is responsible for non-public regulation and frequency allocation. |
| <u>Voice telephone services</u><br>Local/Long-distance/International<br>• <u>for non-public</u><br>• <u>facilities-based</u><br>• on a resale -basis<br>• radio-based | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Permission for building from Telecommunication Office is needed (application form, frequency plan, qualification, use of the standard equipment)<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section   | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) None<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section   |   |

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| <p>b. <u>Packet - switched data transmission</u><br/>7523</p> <p>Local/Long-distance/International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• facilities-based</li> <li>• radio-based</li> <li>• for public use</li> <li>• wire based</li> </ul>  | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p>  | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p> | <p><u>Interconnection</u></p> <p>Providers of public networks are obliged to allow connection to their network for licensees on the non-discriminatory condition. In the case, when there is not possible to achieve and agreement, each side can require the regulatory authority for decision.</p>          |
| <p>c. <u>Circuit-switched data transmission services</u><br/>7523</p> <p>Local/Long-distance/International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for public use</li> <li>• for non-public used</li> <li>• wire based</li> </ul>              | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p>  | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p> | <p><u>Competition</u></p> <p>All services except public voice services, telegraph and telex and providing of public telecommunication network are, or will be liberalized (1995-1996).</p> <p>Mobile cellular voice services will be liberalized after expirations of exclusivity of Eurotel in May 1996.</p> |
| <p>f. <u>Facsimile services</u><br/>7521 + 7529</p>   | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p>  | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p> | <p>For mobile cellular digital voice services the tender for two operators will be invited. Limitation is caused due to temporary lack of frequencies.</p>  |
| <p>g. <u>Private-leased circuit services</u><br/>7522+ 7523</p> <p>Local/Long-distance/International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for non-public use</li> <li>• wire based</li> <li>• facilities based on a resale basis</li> </ul> | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Private leased circuits excess capacity could not be resaled.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p> | <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section</p> | <p><u>Allotment of frequencies</u></p> <p>Telecommunication Office is responsible for frequency allotment. There are no rules for some preferences of frequency allotment.</p>  |

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| o. <u>Other</u><br><u>Mobile services</u>                  |  |  |  |
| • Analog cellular voice services<br>(450 MHz/NMT)          | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Eurotel joint venture company of Slovak Telecommunications and US WEST and Bell Atlantic has exclusivity until 2011<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Eurotel joint venture company of Slovak Telecommunications and US WEST and Bell Atlantic has exclusivity until 2011<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section | <u>Standard and Type Approval</u><br>Only approved equipments can be connected to the public network. Telecommunication Office is responsible for standard setting process. Only producers or authorized dealers can apply for approval.         |
| • Digital cellular voice services<br>(900 MHz/GSM)         | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Licence will be issued for two operators due to limitation of frequencies.<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section  | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Foreign share max. 49% .<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section  | <u>Rights of Way and Planning</u><br>After granting a licence or permission, there is no limitation to build and install telecommunication infrastructure (in accordance with conditions in a licence or a permission)                           |
| • Paging services  | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Due to limitation of frequencies, there is possible to issue licence for the second operator<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section                        | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) None<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section  | <u>Legislation</u><br>The new Draft of Telecommunications Act is prepared for submitting to the Parliament. In this draft the mentioned issues as well as tariffs, numbering and other problems are solved in accordance with rules valid in EU. |
| • Satellite services<br>Domestic/International voice, data | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Permission from TO is needed. Connection to the public network is not allowed.<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section                                      | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) None<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in horizontal section  | <u>Registration</u><br>All suppliers (domestic and foreign) are obliged to be registered in the Slovak Trade Register.   |