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## COMMUNICATION FROM SWITZERLAND

### Draft Offer on Basic Telecommunications

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

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In accordance with the decision taken in the Negotiating Group on Basic Telecommunications, Switzerland submits a conditional draft offer on basic telecommunication services. Switzerland 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. Switzerland further reserves the right to make technical changes, amendments and corrections to the offer.

# SWITZERLAND - DRAFT OFFER

Modes of supply: 1) Cross-border supply 2) Consumption abroad 3) Commercial presence 4) Presence of natural persons

Sector or Sub-sector	Limitation on Market Access	Limitation on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
II. SECTORAL COMMITMENTS			
2.C. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES			
Part I (Horizontal Commitments) of the Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994) applies to the sectors listed below.			
General condition applicable to all telecommunication services sectors: federal monopoly on network infrastructure, services have to be provided over the public network or over leased lines; licensing requirements for wireless networks subject to spectrum availability; pricing of leased lines not volume-sensitive, connection with the public network possible.			
a) Voice telephone services (CPC 7521)	<p>1) Voice telephone services for closed user groups on a leased line basis only (single end break out), a closed user group is defined by Swiss legislation as a group of persons with a preexisting stable common economic interest typically based on a contractual or long term investment relationship; Swiss PTT is the sole operator authorized to provide voice telephone services other than services for closed user groups on a leased line basis (definition above).<sup>1</sup></p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Voice telephone services for closed user groups on a leased line basis only (definition above); Swiss PTT is the sole operator authorized to provide voice telephone services other than services for closed user groups on a leased line basis (definition above).</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p>	

<sup>1</sup>The relevant federal law on telecommunication is presently under review. The revision aims at a further opening up of Swiss telecommunications markets to private competition.

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b) Packet-switched data transmission (CPC 7523***)	<p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p> <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	<p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p> <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	
c) Circuit-switched data transmission (CPC 7523***)	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	
d) Telex services (CPC 7523***)	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	
e) Telegraph services (CPC 7522)	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p>	

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f) Facsimile services (CPC 7521** + 7529**)	<p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p> <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	<p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p> <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	
g) Private leased circuit services (CPC 7522** + 7523**)	<p>1) Voice telephone services for third parties within closed user groups only (definition above).</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) Voice telephone services for third parties within closed user groups only (definition above)</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitments (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated in Part I of Swiss schedule of specific commitment (GATS/SC/83, April 1994)</p>	