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General Agreement on Trade in Services - Schedule of Specific Commitments

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**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

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QATAR

Schedule of Specific Commitments

(This is authentic in English only)

QATAR - SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

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
I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS					
All sectors included in this schedule	3) As stipulated in Qatari laws, decisions and regulations, National services or services of national origin should have priority in purchases of Governmental, Semi-Governmental and Public Sector Departments, as well as in purchases of national and foreign contractors, awarded contracts by the Government of Qatar or its affiliate bodies to fulfil in or outside the country.		3) Possessing, buying, selling or dealing in Qatari share holding companies shares are, presently, confined to Qatari natural or juridical persons. Foreigners are not allowed to invest in Qatari shares.		
	With the exemption of banks, financial and insurance institutions and other sectors and sub-sectors which are not stipulated as areas of commitments in the attached schedules, foreign commercial presence should be either through a Qatari Agent working in the same field of services or related to it (official agency contract must be registered with the Ministry of Finance, Economy and Commerce). Or: through a partnership with the capital of Qatari Company, in which Qatari portion should be 51% at least, and the aggregate portion of foreign capital should not exceed 49%.		Acquisition of land or real estate by foreign natural persons or foreign juridical persons are not allowed.		
			Foreign nationals or companies with foreign share holdings may be required to pay direct taxes on income derived from work or operations in Qatar, whereas local services suppliers or local Qatari companies may not be required to pay similar taxes.		

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	<p>Foreign commercial presence, must add some economic interests to the country, like high technology transfer, research and development programs, technical or marketing assistance and educational or training of local manpower.</p> <p>Commercial presence in all sectors and sub-sectors of Services, shall need prior written permission from competent authorities, and shall be subject to economic needs test and some other considerations.</p>	<p>3), 4) National services industries and services may have some kind of incentives and assistance, like industrial land blocks, easy financial loans, market research and marketing programmes including the organization of exhibitions or facilitating its taking part in Qatari pavilion in international fairs and exhibitions, with free or lowered costs, establishing of marketing centres (inside or outside the country), and/or granting discount on the prices of its advertising programmes in national TV and national advertising agencies and some other incentives alike.</p>		

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	<p>4) Unbound, except for measures concerning the entry and temporary stay of natural persons falling within the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managers - Specialists, and - Skilled technicians <p>Entry and stay of such categories will be subject to Qatari laws and regulations.</p> <p>Presence of foreign natural persons as self employers is not allowed.</p>	<p>4) Unbound, except for measures concerning the categories of natural persons referred to in the market access column.</p> <p>Housing and social programmes and some aspects of free health care, are limited to Qatari citizens.</p>		

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II. SECTOR-SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS							
I. BUSINESS SERVICES							
A. <u>Professional Services</u>							
c) Taxation services, as follows:							
- Business tax planning and consulting (CPC 86301)		1) None		1) None			
		2) None		2) None			
- Business tax preparation and review services (CPC 86302)		3) None		3) None			
		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section		4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section			
h) Medical and dental services (CPC 9312)		1) Unbound		1) Unbound			
		2) Unbound		2) Unbound			
		3) None		3) None			
		4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section		4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Residency required.			

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i) Veterinary services (CPC 932)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section. Residency required.		
B. <u>Computer and Related Services</u>				
c) Data processing services (CPC 844)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section		
C. <u>Research and Development Services</u>				
a) R&D Services on natural sciences	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated under the horizontal section	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) None, except as indicated under the horizontal section		
b) R&D Services on social sciences and humanities				
c) Interdisciplinary R&D Services				

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F. <u>Other Business Services</u>					
b) Market research services (CPC 864)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) None, except as indicated in the horizontal section			
c) Management consulting service (CPC 865)	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated under the horizontal section	1) Unbound 2) Unbound 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated under the horizontal section			
e) Technical testing and analysis service (CPC 8676)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated under the horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None, except as indicated under the horizontal section 4) None, except as indicated under the horizontal section			

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9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL-RELATED SERVICES					
A. <u>Hotels and Restaurants</u> (including catering) (CPC 641-643)					
Hotels	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound			
Restaurants	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound	1) Unbound 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound			