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## **SURINAME**

### Initial Offer

The following communication, dated 19 February 2004, from the delegation of Suriname, is being circulated to the Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

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In accordance with Paragraph 15 of the 2001 Doha Ministerial Declaration, the Government of the Republic of Suriname hereby submits its initial conditional offer.

The Government of the Republic of Suriname reserves the right to revise, amend, supplement or withdraw all or part of it at any time prior to the conclusion of the services negotiations.

In the light of the above we request that Suriname's initial conditional offer is circulated among the Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

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**SURINAME – SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS**

Mode 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
<b>I. HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS</b>			
ALL SECTORS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE	4) Unbound except for measures concerning senior managerial personnel and technical experts not available in the local labour market	4) None for measures concerning categories of persons indicated in market access. Unbound for all other categories of persons	
<b>II. SECTOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS</b>			
2. COMMUNICATION SERVICES	1) Bypass of the duopoly operators is not permitted. Long-distance and international traffic must be routed through the operators that are licensed to supply long-distance services. Deliberately reversing the real direction of this international traffic is not allowed.	1) None	See attachment additional commitments on regulatory disciplines.

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<p>(a) Voice telephone services (including public pay telephone services, operator and emergency services)</p> <p>(d) Telex services <i>(CPC 7523**)</i></p> <p>(f) Facsimile services <i>(CPC 7521**+ 7529**)</i></p> <p><u>For public use and non-public use on leased lines only:</u></p> <p>(b) Packet-switched data transmission services <i>(CPC 7523**)</i></p> <p>(c) Circuit-switched data transmission services <i>(CPC 7523**)</i></p> <p>(o) Other services: Internet and Internet access services (except voice)</p> <p>Teleconferencing services</p>	<p>2) Long distance and international traffic must be routed through the operators that are licensed to supply long distance services. Deliberately reversing the real direction of this international traffic is not allowed.</p> <p>3) The duopoly operators are granted exclusivity for a period of five years ending on 1 January 2003. Before the expiration of this period, the Government will determine the circumstances under which additional operators can be licensed. Foreign equity participation which is applicable as of 1 January 1998 is limited to 40%.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated <del>under</del> <i>in the horizontal measures section.</i></p> <p>1) Bypass of the network facilities of the duopoly operators is not permitted. Long-distance and international traffic must be routed through the operators that are licensed to supply long-distance and international transmission facilities.</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None, except that bypass of the network facilities of the duopoly operators is not permitted.</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated <del>under</del> <i>in the horizontal measures section.</i></p>	<p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated <del>under</del> <i>in the horizontal measures section.</i></p> <p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated <del>under</del> <i>in the horizontal measures section.</i></p>	<p>Duopoly was established to provide services in competition. Duopoly operators have the obligation to provide services to the undeserved population centres.</p>



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<p><u>For public use</u></p> <p>(o) Other services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mobile data services</li> <li>- Paging services</li> <li>- Trunked radio systems services (excluding phone patching)</li> <li>- Telecommunications equipment sales</li> <li>- Telecommunications equipment, rental maintenance, connection, repair and consulting services</li> </ul>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated <del>under</del> <b>in the horizontal measures section.</b></p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound except as indicated <del>under</del> <b>in the horizontal measures section.</b></p>	
<p><b>7. FINANCIAL SERVICES</b></p> <p>A. <u>All insurance and insurance-related services</u></p> <p>(c) <b>Reinsurance &amp; retrocession (CPC 81299*)</b></p>	<p>1) <b>None</b></p> <p>2) <b>None</b></p> <p>3) <b>Declaration for the assessment of statue and the issue of a declaration of no objection</b></p> <p>4) <b>Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section</b></p>	<p>1) <b>None</b></p> <p>2) <b>None</b></p> <p>3) <b>Declaration for the assessment of statue and the issue of a declaration of no objection</b></p> <p>4) <b>Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section.</b></p>	
<p><b>9. TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES</b></p> <p>A. <u>Hotels and Restaurants (CPC 641 – CPC 643)</u></p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section</p>	<p>1) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) None</p> <p>4) Unbound, except as indicated in the horizontal section</p>	

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B. <u>Travel agencies and tour operators</u> (CPC 7471)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	
11. TRANSPORT SERVICES			
C. <u>Air Transport Services</u>			
(a) Aircraft repair and maintenance services <sup>1</sup>	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	
(b) Selling and marketing of air transport services <sup>1</sup>	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	
(c) Computer reservation system (CRS) services <sup>1</sup>	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound, except as indicated in <i>the</i> horizontal section	

<sup>1</sup> As defined in paragraph 6 of the Annex on Air Transport Services.

## REFERENCE PAPER

### Scope

The following are definitions and principles on the regulatory framework for the basic telecommunications services.

### Definitions

Users mean service consumers and service suppliers.

Essential facilities mean facilities of a public telecommunications transport network or service that

- (a) are exclusively or predominantly provided by a single or limited number of suppliers; and
- (b) cannot feasibly be economically or technically substituted in order to provide a service.

A major supplier is a supplier which has the ability to materially affect the terms of participation (having regard to price and supply) in the relevant market for basic telecommunications services as a result of :

- (a) control over essential facilities; or
- (b) use of its position in the market.

#### 1. Competitive safeguards

##### 1.1 Prevention of anti-competitive practices in telecommunications

Appropriate measures shall be maintained for the purpose of preventing suppliers who, alone or together, are a major supplier from engaging in or continuing anti-competitive practices.

##### 1.2 Safeguards

The anti-competitive practices referred to above shall include in particular:

- (a) engaging in anti-competitive cross-subsidization;
- (b) using information obtained from competitors with anti-competitive results; and
- (c) not making available to other services suppliers on a timely basis technical information about essential facilities and commercially relevant information which are necessary for them to provide services.

#### 2. Interconnection

2.1 This section applies to linking with suppliers providing public telecommunications transport networks or services in order to allow the users of one supplier to communicate with users of another



supplier and to access services provided by another supplier, where specific commitments are undertaken.

## 2.2 Interconnection to be ensured

Interconnection with a major supplier will be ensured at any technically feasible point in the network. Such interconnection is provided.

- (a) under non-discriminatory terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and rates and of a quality no less favourable than that provided for its own like services or for like services of non-affiliated service suppliers or for its subsidiaries or other affiliates;
- (b) in a timely fashion, on terms, conditions (including technical standards and specifications) and cost-oriented rates that are transparent, reasonable, having regard to economic feasibility, and sufficient unbundled so that the supplier need not pay for network components or facilities that it does not require for the service to be provided; and
- (c) upon request, at points in addition to the network termination points offered to the majority of users, subject to charges that reflect the cost of construction of necessary additional facilities.

## 2.3 Public availability of the procedures for interconnection negotiations

The procedures applicable for interconnection to a major supplier will be made publicly available.

## 2.4 Transparency of interconnection arrangements

It is ensured that a major supplier will make publicly available either its interconnection agreements or a reference interconnection offer.

## 2.5 Interconnection: dispute settlement

A service supplier requesting interconnection with a major supplier will have recourse, either:

- (a) at any time or;
- (b) after a reasonable period of time has been made publicly known

to an independent domestic body, which may be a regulatory body as referred to in paragraph 5 below, to resolve disputes regarding appropriate terms, conditions and rates for interconnection within a reasonable period of time, to the extent that these have not been established previously.

## 3. Universal service

Any Member has the right to define the kind of universal service obligation it wishes to maintain. Such obligations will not be regarded as anti-competitive *per se*, provided they are administered in a transparent, non-discriminatory and competitively neutral manner and are not more burdensome than necessary for the kind of universal service defined by the Member.

4. Public availability of licensing criteria

Where a licence is required, the following will be made publicly available:

- (a) all the licensing criteria and the period of time normally required to reach a decision concerning an application for a licence and;
- (b) the terms and conditions of individual licences.

The reasons for the denial of licence will be made known to the applicant upon request.

5. Independent regulators

The regulatory body is separate from, and not accountable to, any supplier of basic telecommunications services. The decisions of and the procedures used by regulators shall be impartial with respect to all market participants.

6. Allocation and use of scarce resources

Any procedures for the allocation and use of scarce resources, including frequencies, numbers and rights of way, will be carried out in an objective, timely, transparent and non-discriminatory manner. The current state of allocated frequency bands will be made available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.

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