

COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL

Draft Decision on the Exemption from Article II (MFN) Listed by Brazil
in Basic Telecommunications

The attached communication has been received from the delegation of Brazil with the request that it be circulated to Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

The Council for Trade in Services,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of the Annex on Negotiations on Basic Telecommunications,

Recognising that the right of a Member to list an exemption from Article II pursuant to this provision was not conditional upon assuming specific commitments in Basic Telecommunications,

Having regard to paragraphs 3 and 6 of the Decision on Commitments in Basic Telecommunications adopted by the Council on 30 April 1996 (S/L/19),

Recognising that Brazil has listed its exemption from Article II (MFN) in Basic Telecommunications during the period specific in paragraph 3 of that Decision,

Having regard to the Fourth Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (S/L/20).

Decides as follows:

The exemption from Article II (MFN) listed by Brazil (S/GBT/W/10, dated 15 February 1997) and currently annexed to the Fourth Protocol shall take legal effect notwithstanding paragraph 1 of the Fourth Protocol.

The exemption from Article II (MFN) listed by Brazil shall take legal effect upon the entering into force of Brazil's schedule of specific commitments in basic telecommunications which is subject to ratification.
