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**Update on developments in WTO 2001 Agenda  
and preparation for the negotiations**

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# WTO 2001 Agenda and preparation for the negotiations

**General process**

**Telecom process**

**Examples**

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## General process

- **Negotiation on schedules**
- **Negotiation on rules**
- **Exemptions to MFN treatment**

**General process**  
**Negotiation on**  
**schedules**

- **All services and modes open to negotiation**
- **Improving levels of market access and national treatment for existing commitments**
- **Adding sector and services not yet subject to commitments**

## **General process**

# **Negotiation on rules**

- **Work on unfinished articles on safeguards , government procurement and subsidies**
- **Further developments of disciplines on domestic regulation**
- **Review of functioning of GATS rules thus far and consideration of adjustments**

**General process**  
**Exemptions to MFN**  
**treatment**

- **Review of all MFN exemptions currently listed by Members**
- **Explore removal of exemptions no longer needed**
- **In telecom, 12 governments have listed MFN exemptions**

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# Telecom process

- Key points
- New topics
- Existing concepts clarification
- Targets
- Rule making issues

## Telecom process

### Key points

- **New calendar for phased-in competition**
- **Foreign investment restrictions**
- **International services**
- **Subsector protection**
- ...

**Telecom process**  
**New topics**

- **Accounting rates (moratorium)**
- **Internet peering**
- **E-commerce**
- **Impact of convergence**

**Telecom process  
Existing concepts  
clarification**

- **Major supplier**
- **ISR**
- **Interconnection matters**
- ...

## **Telecom process Targets**

- **Emphasis on commitments on satellite and other radio based services**
- **More schedules to add additional commitments on regulation of the R.P.**
- **More commitments on value added services**
- **More commitments on basic services**

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## Privatization of Monopoly Operator

| Sector of Subsector  | Limitations on market access  | Limitations on national treatment   | Additional Commitments |
|--|---|---|------------------------|
| <b><u>2.C.Telecommunications</u></b><br>a) Voice telephone<br>- for public use | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) Reserved to monopoly supplier.<br>Foreign equity permitted up to X percent<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | 1) None<br>2) None<br>3) None<br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | See attachment         |

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## Closed User Group Services

| Sector of Subsector  | Limitations on market access   | Limitations on national treatment   | Additional Commitments |
|--|--|---|------------------------|
| <b>2.C. - <u>Telecommunications</u></b><br><br><b><u>For private use</u></b><br><br><b>a) Voice telephone</b><br><br><b>b) and c) Circuit and packet switched data transmission</b>  | 1) None <sup>1</sup><br><br>2) None <sup>1</sup><br><br>3) None <sup>1</sup><br><br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | 1) None<br><br>2) None<br><br>3) None<br><br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | See attachment         |
| <sup>1</sup> Instead of “none”: If, for example, two-ended breakout is not permitted, the entry “Bypass of public operator not permitted” may be relevant. Or, if suppliers’ ability to own or operate facilities is limited, the entry “Only on lines leased from the public operator” may be relevant. |  |   |                        |



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## Services Other Than Voice

| Sector of Subsector  | Limitations on market access                             | Limitations on national treatment                        | Additional Commitments |
|--|--|--|------------------------|
| <b>2.C. - <u>Telecommunications</u></b>  |  |  |                        |
| <b>b) Circuit switched data transmission</b>   | 1) None <sup>1</sup>                                     | 1) None  | See attachment         |
|  | 2) None <sup>1</sup>                                     | 2) None  |                        |
| <b>c) Packet switched data transmission</b>  | 3) None <sup>1</sup>                                     | 3) None  |                        |
|  | 4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | 4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section |                        |
| <sup>1</sup> Instead of “none”: If, for example, two-ended breakout is not permitted, the entry “Bypass of public operator not permitted” may be relevant. Or, if suppliers’ ability to own or operate facilities is limited, the entry “Only on lines leased from the public operator” may be relevant. |  |  |                        |

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## Selected Radio-based Services

| Sector of Subsector  | Limitations on market access  | Limitations on national treatment   | Additional Commitments |
|--|---|---|------------------------|
| <b>2.C. -<u>Telecommunications</u></b><br><br><b>o) Other</b><br><br>- Mobile Cellular Telephone<br><br>- Paging | 1) None<br><br>2) None<br><br>3) None<br><br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | 1) None<br><br>2) None<br><br>3) None<br><br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | See attachment         |

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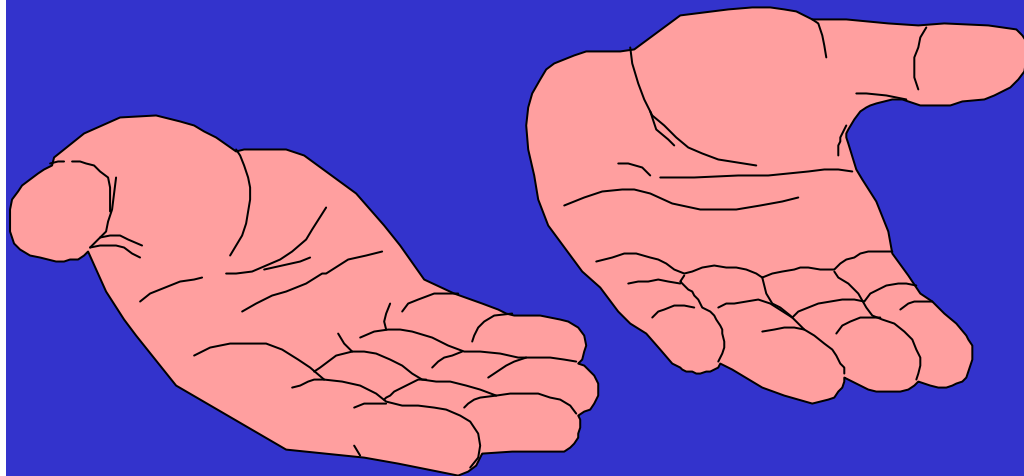
## *Phase-in of Voice Telephone (Full Commitment)*

| Sector of Subsector   | Limitations on market access  | Limitations on national treatment   | Additional Commitments |
|---|---|---|------------------------|
| <b><u>2.C.Telecommunications</u></b><br><br><b>a) Voice telephone</b> | 1) None<br><br>2) None<br><br>3) Reserved to monopoly supplier until Jan. 1, 1999<br><br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | 1) None<br><br>2) None<br><br>3) None<br><br>4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section | See attachment         |

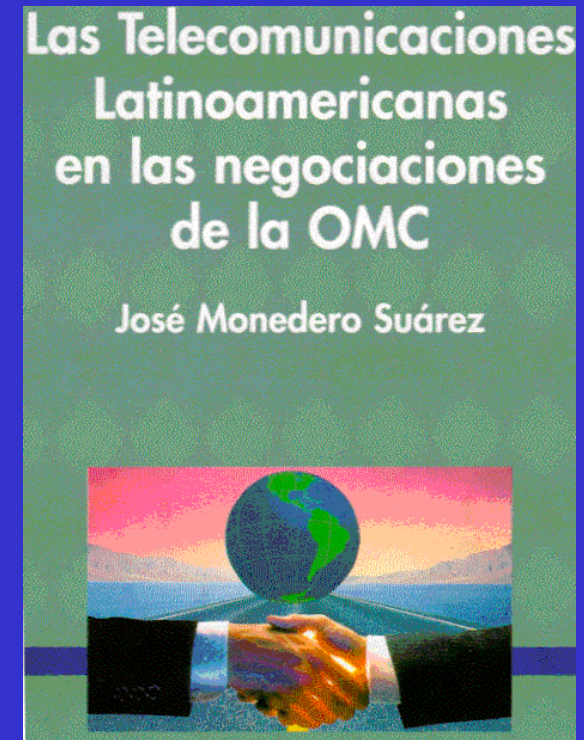
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## ***Phase-in of Voice Telephone (with Limitations)***

| Sector of Subsector                   | Limitations on market access   | Limitations on national treatment                        | Additional Commitments |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|
| <b><u>2.C. Telecommunications</u></b> | 1) None  | 1) None  | See attachment         |
| <b>a) Voice telephone</b>             | 2) None  | 2) None  |                        |
|                                       | 3) Reserved to monopoly until Jan. 1, 1999. Foreign equity participation limited to X% | 3) None  |                        |
|                                       | 4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section                               | 4) Unbound except as indicated in the horizontal section |                        |



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