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1.1 Text of Article XX

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Schedule of Specific Commitments

1. Each Member shall set out in a schedule the specific commitments it undertakes under Part III of this Agreement. With respect to sectors where such commitments are undertaken, each Schedule shall specify:

- (a) terms, limitations and conditions on market access;
- (b) conditions and qualifications on national treatment;
- (c) undertakings relating to additional commitments;
- (d) where appropriate the time-frame for implementation of such commitments; and
- (e) the date of entry into force of such commitments.

2. Measures inconsistent with both Articles XVI and XVII shall be inscribed in the column relating to Article XVI. In this case the inscription will be considered to provide a condition or qualification to Article XVII as well.

3. Schedules of specific commitments shall be annexed to this Agreement and shall form an integral part thereof.

1.2 Guidelines for the Scheduling of Specific Commitments under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)

1. On 23 March 2001, the Council for Trade in Services adopted the Guidelines for the Scheduling of Specific Commitments under the GATS¹, which is intended to assist in the preparation of offers, requests and national schedules of specific commitments. This document is the result of a revision exercise carried out in the Committee on Specific Commitments, based on the two documents produced and circulated during the Uruguay Round Negotiations.²

1.3 Committee on Specific Commitments

2. With regard to the establishment and terms of reference of the Committee on Specific Commitments under the GATS, see the document on Article XXIV of the GATS (Practice).

3. At the Committee meeting of 10 April 2006³, the Chairman reported that during informal discussions, Members' attention had been drawn to an error in the French version of the Services Sectoral Classification List where parts of the headings of the sub-sectors corresponding to CPC 9401 and CPC 9403 had been inverted. The correct correspondence was set out in the report of the meeting, as well as in a corrigendum to the French version of the Guidelines for the Scheduling of Commitments under the GATS.⁴

¹ [S/L/92](#), 28 March 2001.

² The two Uruguay Round documents are: [MTN.GNS/W/164](#) and [MTN/GNS/W/164/Add.1](#).

³ [S/CSC/M/40](#), paras. 15-17.

⁴ Document [S/L/92/Corr.1](#), 12 June 2006, French version only.

4. At the meeting of 5 October 2006⁵, delegations arrived at a common understanding to the effect that dredging services, which are not explicitly mentioned in the CPC, are covered by CPC 5133, "Construction work for civil engineering for waterways, harbours, dams, and other water works."

5. This information is also contained in the 2006 Annual Report of the Committee on Specific Commitments to the Council for Trade in Services.⁶

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⁵ [S/CSC/M/42](#), para. 18.

⁶ [S/CSC/12](#), para. 6.