(k) the term "public telecommunications transport service" means any telecommunications transport service offered to the public generally. Such services may include, *inter alia*, telegraph, telephone, telex and data transmission typically involving customer-supplied information between two or more points without any end-to-end change in the form or content of the customer's information;

(l) the term "telecommunications" means the transmission and reception of signals by any electromagnetic means;

(m) the term "telecommunications regulatory body" means any body or bodies responsible for the regulation of telecommunications; and

(n) the term "users" means end users or suppliers of public telecommunications transport networks or services.

Article 10.3
Access and Use

1. Each Party shall ensure that any service supplier of the other Party is accorded access to and use of public telecommunications transport networks and services in a timely fashion, on transparent, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions. This obligation shall be applied, *inter alia*, through paragraphs 2 through 6.

2. Each Party shall ensure that service suppliers of the other Party have access to and use of any public telecommunications transport network or service offered within or across the border of that Party, including private leased circuits, and to this end shall ensure, subject to paragraphs 5 and 6, that such suppliers are permitted to:

(a) purchase or lease, and attach terminal or other equipment which interfaces with the network and which is necessary to supply a supplier's service;

(b) provide services to individual or multiple users over any leased or owned circuits;

(c) interconnect private leased or owned circuits with public telecommunications transport networks and services or with circuits leased or owned by another service supplier;

(d) perform switching, signalling, processing, and conversion functions; and

(e) use operating protocols of the service supplier's choice in the supply of any services, other than as necessary to ensure the availability of telecommunications transport networks and services to the public generally.

3. Each Party shall ensure that service suppliers of the other Party may use public telecommunications transport networks and services for the movement of information within and across borders including for intra-corporate communications of such service suppliers, and for access to information contained in data bases or otherwise stored in machine-readable form in either Party or any non-Party which is a party to the WTO Agreement.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, a Party may take such measures as are necessary to:

(a) ensure the security and confidentiality of messages; or

(b) protect the personal data of end users of public telecommunications transport networks or services, including the privacy of such users,

subject to the requirement that such measures are not applied in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or disguised restriction on trade in services.

5. Each Party shall ensure that no condition is imposed on access to and use of public telecommunications transport networks and services, other than as necessary to: