3. Universal service

Any Party 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 Party.

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 a 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 publicly available, but detailed identification of frequencies allocated for specific government uses is not required.

ANNEX II
SCHEDULE OF SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FOR SERVICES

CHINA

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This Schedule sets out China's commitments in accordance with Article 8.7 (Schedules of Specific Commitments).

2. The classification of sectors in this Schedule is based on the 1991 provisional Central Product Classification (CPC) of the United Nations Statistical Office, while the ordering reflects the classification system used by the WTO Secretariat in MTN.GNS/W/120 dated 10 July 1991.

3. Unbound* means unbound due to lack of technical feasibility.

4. China's Schedule of Reservations and Non-Conforming Measures for Investment in Annex III (Schedules of Reservations and Non-Conforming Measures for Services and Investment) does not cover any aspects of an entry of investment in services. Any aspects of such an entry are covered under this Schedule only.