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GATS 2000

REQUEST FROM THE EC AND ITS MEMBER STATES (HEREAFTER THE EC)

TO

OMAN

GENERAL REMARKS

At the WTO Ministerial Conference in Doha in November 2001, ministers agreed that initial requests for specific commitments should be submitted by 30 June 2002.

In line with this decision, and committed to the objectives and principles stated in GATS, in particular Article IV and XIX GATS, as well as the negotiating guidelines agreed by the Council for Trade and Services on 29 March 2001, the EC encourages Oman to participate actively in the negotiations.

The EC considers that the progressive liberalisation of services is of benefit for all members, including developing and least developed countries. In this context, the EC recognises the importance of liberalisation being underpinned by domestic regulatory frameworks designed to ensure the achievement of public policy objectives.

This request covers horizontal commitments, MFN exemptions and the following service sectors:

- Business services (other than professional services)
- Postal and courier services
- Telecommunication services
- Distribution services
- Environmental services
- Financial services
- Tourism and travel related services
- News Agency services
- Transport services
- Energy services

The EC proposes that Oman's current GATS commitments are revised in accordance with this request. The EC is both seeking improved commitments and clarification of existing commitments as set out in this Request. The EC is furthermore looking for a

reduction in schedules limitations whether these are horizontal or sector specific in nature. In so doing, the EC is not seeking the dismantling of public services nor the privatisation of state owned companies.

In conformity with the objectives set out in the EC's overall approach to services negotiations (document S/CSS/W/15), the EC reiterates its commitments to promote regulatory disciplines in accordance with Article VI:4 of the GATS. The EC, however, reserves its right to address at any time to Oman specific requests concerning regulatory issues.

The EC further requests that commitments are entered in accordance with the scheduling guidelines adopted by the Council of Trade in Services on 23 March 2001 (S/L/92). In particular, for each commitment or limitation entered the EC requests:

- that the sector and sub-sector are clearly identified in accordance with the classification list in document MTN.GNS/W /120 or other internationally recognised classification (e.g. Financial Services Annex). If this is not possible, the schedule should contain a sufficiently detailed definition to avoid any ambiguity as to the scope of the commitment. In that respect, the EC would like to recall the classification or list of activities proposed in its negotiating proposals with regard to energy services. While discussions on classification in these sectors are still ongoing, the EC would like to invite Oman to present its offer in accordance with this approach.
- that any remaining limitation on market access (hereafter "MA ") or on national treatment (hereafter "NT") are clearly described and only be inscribed in the market access or national treatment columns if the measure is of a nature foreseen by Articles XVI-XVII GATS.

The EC remains available to provide any clarification and answer any question on this request. Questions can be addressed to the European Commission via the EC GATS contact point (mailbox address: TRADE-GATS-CONTACT-POINTS@cec.eu.int), via the Delegation of the European Commission in Geneva, or directly to the European Commission (Directorate-General Trade, Unit D2 (Trade in services, including e-commerce), Brussels, B-1049, Belgium, fax 32-2-299 24 35).

Note: The EC reserves the right to revise and/or supplement this request. For each service sector, W120 classification has been followed unless expressly indicated and CPCs refer to the provisional CPC classification. The precise scope for each sector is without prejudice to the EC's final position on classification issues and to the EC's classification of their existing commitments.

HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

MODE 3

- MA – Foreign equity limited to 70% for companies incorporated in Oman. **EC Request:** Remove
- NT – Purchase of land and real estate not permitted to foreign companies and foreign individuals. **EC Request:** Remove this prohibition
- NT – Higher rate of taxation for companies with foreign equity exceeding 70%. **EC Request:** Clarify the compatibility of this measure with GATS Article XIV

MODE 4

Quantitative Restriction

- Twenty per cent limit on the total number of foreign personnel in any juridical person. **EC Request:** Dis-apply this requirement in relation to Intra-corporate transfers and where the juridical person has no commercial presence in Oman. In other case, increase the percentage of permitted foreign personnel.

Intra-corporate transferees

No specific commitment has been made. **EC Request:**

- Make a commitment for Intra-corporate transfers between affiliated companies of managers, executives and specialists. A prior employment requirement of maximum one year is acceptable. Maximum length of stay should be at least three years (which could be two years + one renewable).
- The EC also requests that a commitment be made to allow as intra-corporate transferees «persons with a university degree or equivalent technical qualification who are transferring for career development purposes or to obtain training in business techniques or methods». The maximum prior employment requirement should be one year.

Contractual Service Suppliers

A contractual service supplier is a juridical person with no commercial presence in Oman, who has obtained a service contract in Oman requiring the presence of its employees in Oman in order to fulfil that contract. The EC considers that Oman's existing commitments cover stays of up to 90 days of contractual service suppliers who are "professionals". **EC Request:**

- Clarify what is meant by the term "professionals"
- Extend the scope of coverage to include "managers", "executives" and "specialists" for the sectors listed below.

List of sectors:

1. Business Services

Legal services

Accounting and bookkeeping services

Architectural services

Engineering services

Integrated engineering services

Urban planning and landscape architectural services

Computer and related services

Management consulting services

Services related to management consulting

Related scientific and technical consulting services

6. Environmental Services

All sub-sectors

7. Financial Services

Services auxiliary to insurance, such as consultancy, actuarial, risk assessment and claim services

Advisory and other auxiliary financial services on all the activities listed in the subparagraphs (v) to (xv) of the classification of the Annex on Financial Services, including credit reference and analysis, investment and portfolio research and advice, advice on acquisitions and on corporate restructuring and strategy

Note: Mode 4 is covered horizontally in this part for all service sectors. The sectoral requests in the following pages only refer to mode 4 when specifically related to one particular service sector.

BUSINESS SERVICES (OTHER THAN PROFESSIONAL)

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

B. COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES

EC Request: Schedule commitments at the two-digit level, i.e. CPC 84

F. OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES

Oman has committed this sector only partially. The EC requests that it be committed as follows:

1) Security Services (CPC 87302-87309)

Oman has not committed this sub-sector. The EC requests that it be committed as follows:

- Mode 3: MA – Commit with no form of establishment or equity limitation. Full NT commitment, i.e. schedule “none”
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

The EC also invites Oman to consider taking commitments on Rental and Leasing Services without Operators (CPC 831) and Placement and Supply Services of Personnel (CPC 872).

POSTAL AND COURIER SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has committed this sector only partially (commitments in courier services). This request is based in the EC proposal for the classification of postal and courier services. While discussions on classification in this sector are still ongoing, the EC would like to invite Oman to present its offer in accordance with this proposal, without prejudice to the outcome of the discussion on the classification of postal and courier services:

SERVICES RELATING TO THE HANDLING¹ OF POSTAL ITEMS², WHETHER FOR DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN DESTINATIONS:

A. Handling of addressed written communications on any kind of physical medium³, including:

- Hybrid mail services

- Direct mail

B. Handling of addressed parcels and packages⁴

C. Handling of addressed press products⁵

D. Handling of items referred to in A. to C. above as registered or insured mail.

E. Express delivery services⁶ for items referred to in A. to C. above.

F. Handling of non-addressed items.

G. Document exchange.

H. Other services not elsewhere specified.

¹ The term "handling" should be taken to include clearance, sorting, transport and delivery.

² "Postal item" refers to items handled by any type of commercial operator, whether public or private.

³ E.g. letter, postcards.

⁴ Books, catalogues are included hereunder.

⁵ Journals, newspapers, periodicals.

⁶ Express delivery services may include, in addition to greater speed and reliability, value added elements such as collection from point of origin, personal delivery to addressee, tracing and tracking, possibility of changing the destination and addressee in transit, confirmation of receipt.

For sub-sectors B., C., E., F. and G.:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Undertake full commitments for market access and national treatment.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section « Horizontal commitments ».

For sub-sectors A. and D.:

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Undertake commitments for market access and national treatment.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section « Horizontal commitments ».

TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has committed this sector. The EC requests the following explanation:

ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS

Oman has adopted the reference paper, but, apparently due to a misprint, this additional commitment is included in the line for voice services and not for the whole sector. **EC Request:** please confirm that the reference paper applies to all sub-sectors by putting this additional commitments in the heading of the sector.

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has only partially committed this Sector. The EC requests it to commit this Sector as follows:

A. COMMISSION AGENTS' SERVICES (CPC 621, 6111+6113+6121)

The distribution of motor vehicles (CPC 6111+6113+6121) is not committed.

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2, 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

B. WHOLESALE TRADE SERVICES (CPC 622,6111+6113+6121)

The distribution of motor vehicles (CPC 6111+6113+6121) is not committed.

EC Request:

- Modes 1, 2, 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

C. RETAILING SERVICES CPC 631+632 6111+6113+6121+613

The distribution of motor fuel (CPC 613) is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 1, 2, 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section “Horizontal commitments”.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has fully committed this sector under the current classification. The EC suggests that Oman schedules its commitments based on the EC proposal for the classification of environmental services, and take commitments in the new sub-sector under A. While discussions on classification in this sector are still ongoing, the EC would like to invite Oman to present its offer in accordance with this proposal, without prejudice to the outcome of the discussion on the classification of environmental services:

A. WATER FOR HUMAN USE & WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Water collection, purification and distribution services through mains, except steam and hot water.

This sub-sector only concerns the distribution of water ‘through mains’ (i.e. urban sewage systems). This excludes any cross-border transportation either by pipeline or by any other means of transport, nor does it imply access to water resources.

EC Request:

- Mode 3: Take commitments under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

FINANCIAL SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has committed this sector only partially. The EC requests that it be committed as follows:

GENERAL

- **EC Request:** Undertake commitments in accordance with the Understanding on Commitments in Financial Services

INSURANCE

- Mode 3: MA – Foreign equity limited to 70%. **EC Request:** Remove this limitation

BANKING AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Some subsectors, including trading of exchange rate and interest rate instruments, transferable securities, and of other negotiable instruments, participation in issues of all kinds of securities, and money broking are not committed. **EC Request:** Take full commitments in mode 3, i.e. schedule “none”
- Mode 3: MA – Shareholding of a foreign company in a locally incorporated bank is limited to 35%. **EC Request:** Eliminate this ceiling.
- Mode 3: Requirement to have a sponsor to settle. **EC Request:** Eliminate this requirement.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has committed this sector only partially. The EC requests that it be committed as follows:

A. HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS (INCL. CATERING) (CPC 641-643)

- Mode 3: MA – Foreign equity limitation of 49% for restaurants. **EC Request:**
Remove

C. TOUR GUIDES SERVICES (CPC 7472)

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 2 and 3: Undertake full commitments for MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

NEWS AGENCY SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has not committed this sector (CPC 962). The EC requests that it be committed as follows:

EC Request (CPC 962):

- Modes 1, 2, 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

TRANSPORT SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

Oman has only partly committed this sector. The EC requests that it be committed as follows:

A. MARITIME TRANSPORT

EC Request: Take commitments in accordance with the attached model schedule (Annex 1). In particular for the following areas:

- 1) **International transport** (freight and passengers) CPC 7211 and 7212
- 2) **Additional commitments** for access to and use of ports facilities
- 3) **Maritime auxiliary services** (maritime cargo handling, storage and warehouse services, customs clearance services, container station and depot services, maritime agency services)
- 4) **Multimodal activities:** for inland forwarding of cargoes - commit the ability to rent or lease - or to have access to and use of multimodal facilities (as specified in the note to the schedule).
- 5) **Definitions** – commit definitions as specified in the model schedule.

The EC also request the following additional maritime commitments from Oman:

- 6) **Equipment.** To facilitate planning of their businesses operators should be allowed to reposition their own equipment, such as empty containers, between ports of Oman, when it is not carried against payment. This is requested to be committed in a new footnote:

“9. Movement of own equipment. International maritime transport suppliers can move/reposition their own equipment (i.e. empty containers, flatbeds etc.) on their own vessels between ports of Oman.”

- 7) **International cargo.** With the development of containerisation and high frequency networking services and with the ever-larger vessels having to limit direct port calls for physical or economic reasons, the feeding of cargoes between main ports and way ports is becoming more important as an integral part of efficient international maritime transport. An international maritime transport supplier should be allowed to operate feeder services for its own international cargo between ports of Oman. This is requested to be committed in a new footnote:

“10. International maritime transport suppliers can operate vessels of any flag for the purposes of pre- and onward carriage of the international cargo between ports of Oman.”

In this context Oman may wish to take the one or more of the following principles into concern:

- Size of the port.
- Binding existing ad hoc practices. To the extent exceptions are already granted for use of foreign flagged vessels such practices could be bound to explicitly cover pre- and onward carriage of international cargo.
- Geographical limitations: Transport of international cargo between ports within the same state [or other relevant sub-federal/regional entity] remains excluded.

C. AIR TRANSPORT

1) Selling and marketing

- Mode 3: MA – Foreign equity limited to 51%. **EC Request:** Remove

2) Computer Reservation Systems

- Mode 3: MA – Foreign equity limited to 51%. **EC Request:** Remove

3) Groundhandling services, as specified in the attached definitions (Annex 2).

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

4) Airport management services, as specified in the attached definitions (Annex 2).

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

F. ROAD TRANSPORT

b) Freight Transportation (CPC 7123).

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Mode 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

d) Maintenance and Repair of Road Transport Equipment (CPC 6112)

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 1, 2 and 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none”, under MA and NT
- Mode 4: Commit as referred to in the section “Horizontal commitments”

H. SERVICES AUXILIARY TO ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT

b) Storage and Warehouse Services (CPC 742)

- Mode 3: MA – Foreign equity limited to 51%. **EC Request:** Remove

c) Freight Transport Agency/Freight Forwarding Services (CPC 748) and Pre-shipment Inspection (part of CPC 749)

- Mode 3: MA – Foreign equity limited to 51% applies to pre-shipment inspection. **EC Request:** Remove

ANNEX 1: SCHEDULE ON MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES

Sector or Sub-Sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
<p>TRANSPORT SERVICES MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES International Transport (freight and passenger) CPC 7211 and 7212 <u>less</u> cabotage transport (as defined below – 1)</p>	<p>1) (a) <u>Liner Shipping</u>: none (b) <u>Bulk, tramp, and other international shipping, including passenger transportation</u>: none</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) (a) Establishment of registered company for the purpose of operating a fleet under the national flag of the State of establishment: unbound (b) Other forms of commercial presence for the supply of international maritime transport services (as defined below – 2): none</p> <p>4) (a) Ships’ crews: unbound (b) Key personnel employed in relation to a commercial presence as defined under mode 3b above: Unbound except as in horizontal section</p>	<p>1) (a) None (b) None</p> <p>2) None</p> <p>3) (a) Unbound (b) None</p> <p>4) (a) Unbound (b) Unbound except as in horizontal section</p>	<p>The following services at the port are made available to international maritime transport suppliers on reasonable and no discriminatory terms and conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pilotage 2. Towing and tug assistance 3. Provisioning, fuelling and watering 4. Garbage collecting and ballast waste disposal 5. Port Captain’s services 6. Navigation aids 7. Shore-based operational services essential to ship operations, including communications, water and electrical supplies 8. Emergency repair facilities 9. Anchorage, berth and berthing services

Sector or Sub-Sector	Limitations on Market Access	Limitations on National Treatment	Additional Commitments
MARITIME AUXILIARY SERVICES Maritime Cargo Handling Services (as defined below – 4)	1) Unbound* except for – no limitation on transshipment (board to board or via the quay) and/or on the use of on-board cargo handling equipment 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* except for no limitation on transshipment (board to board or via the quay) and/or on the use of on-board cargo handling equipment 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in the horizontal section	
Storage and warehousing Services CPC 742	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in the horizontal section	
Customs Clearance Services (as defined below – 5)	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in the horizontal section	
Container Station and Depot Services (as defined below – 6)	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None** 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) Unbound* 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in the horizontal section	
Maritime Agency Services (as defined below – 7)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in the horizontal section	
(Maritime) Freight Forwarding Services (as defined below – 8)	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in horizontal section	1) None 2) None 3) None 4) Unbound except as in the horizontal section	

* A commitment on this mode of delivery is not feasible.

** Public utility concession or licensing procedures may apply in case of occupation of the public domain.

NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE

Where road, rail, inland waterways (and) (related) (auxiliary) services are not otherwise fully covered in (this) (a Member's) schedule, a multimodal transport operator (as defined below - 3) shall have the ability to rent or lease trucks, railway carriages or barges and related equipment, for the purpose of inland forwarding of cargoes, or have access to, and use of, these forms of multimodal activities on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions for the purpose of carrying out multimodal transport operations. (« Reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions» means, for the purpose of (multimodal transport operations), (this additional commitment), the ability of the multimodal transport operator to arrange for the conveyance of its merchandise on a timely basis, including priority over other merchandise which has entered the port at a later date).

DEFINITIONS

1. Without prejudice to the scope of activities which may be considered as «cabotage» under the relevant national legislation, this schedule does not include «maritime cabotage services », which are assumed to cover transportation of passengers or goods between a port located in ... [name of country] ... and another port located in ... [name of the country], traffic originating and terminating in the same port located in [name of country] provided that this traffic remains within ... [name of country]'s territorial waters and transportation of passengers and goods between a port located in ... [name of the country] ... and installations or structures situated on the continental shelf of [name of the country].

2. « Other forms of commercial presence for the supply of international maritime transport services » means the ability for international maritime transport service suppliers of other Members to undertake locally all activities which are necessary for the supply to their customers of a partially or fully integrated transport service, within which the maritime transport constitutes a substantial element. (This commitment shall however not be constituted as limiting in any manner the commitments undertaken under the cross-border mode of delivery).

These activities include, but are not limited to:

(a) marketing and sales of maritime transport and related services through direct contact with customers, from quotation to invoicing, these services being those operated or offered by the service supplier itself or by service suppliers with which the service seller has established standing business arrangements;

(b) the acquisition, on their own account or on behalf or their customers (and the resale to their customers) of any transport and related services, including inward transport services by any mode, particularly inland waterways, road and rail, necessary for the supply of the integrated services;

(c) the preparation of documentation concerning transport documents, customs documents, or other documents related to the origin and character of the goods transported;

(d) the provision of business information by any means, including computerised information systems and electronic data interchange (subject to the provisions of the annex on telecommunications);

(e) the setting up of any business arrangements (including participation in the stock of a company) and the appointment of personnel recruited locally (or, in the case of foreign personnel, subject to the horizontal commitment on movement of personnel) with any locally established shipping agency;

(f) acting on behalf of the companies, organising the call of the ship or taking over cargoes when required.

3. « Multimodal transport operators » means the person on whose behalf the bill of lading /multimodal transport document, or any other document evidencing a contract of multimodal carriage of goods, is issued and who is responsible for the carriage of goods pursuant to the contract of carriage.
4. « Maritime cargo handling services » means activities exercised by stevedore companies, including terminal operators, but not including the direct activities of dockers, when this workforce is organised independently of the stevedoring or terminal operation companies. The activities covered include the organisation and supervision of:
- the loading/ discharging of cargo to/from a ship;
 - the lashing/unlashing of cargo;
 - the reception/ delivery and safekeeping of cargoes before shipment or after discharge
5. « Customs clearance services » (alternatively « customs house brokers' services ») means activities consisting in carrying out on behalf of another party customs formalities concerning import, export or through transport of cargoes, whether this service is the main activity of the service provider or a usual complement of its main activity.
6. « Container station and depot services » means activities consisting in storing containers, whether in port areas or inland, with a view to their stuffing/ stripping, repairing and making them available for shipments.
7. « Maritime agency services » means activities consisting in representing within a given geographic area, as an agent the business interests of one or more shipping lines or shipping companies, for the following purposes:
- marketing and sales of maritime transport and related services from quotation to invoicing, and issuance of bills of lading on behalf of the companies, acquisition and resale of the necessary related services, preparation of documentation, and provision of business information;
 - acting on behalf of the companies organising the call of the ship or taking over cargoes when required.
8. « Freight forwarding services » means (the activity consisting of organising and monitoring shipment operations on behalf of shippers, through the acquisition of transport and related services, preparation of documentation and provision of business information).

ANNEX 2: FACILITATING AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

Ground-handling Services

Efficient ground handling is essential to the proper functioning of air transport and competition between operators in this area ensures that proper use is made of air transport infrastructure. It helps reduce the operating costs of airlines and improves the quality of service for airport users.

For specialised ground handling suppliers the following activities are requested:

Ground Administration - supervision and administration at the airport (CPC 7461);
Passenger Handling - assisting arriving, departing and transfer passengers (CPC 7461);
Baggage Handling - handling baggage in the sorting area (CPC 7461);
Freight and Mail Handling - physical handling of freight and mail, dealing with security and customs procedures (CPC 74110 (container handling services) and 74190 (other cargo handling services));
Ramp Handling - marshalling and moving the aircraft, loading and unloading of aircraft, transport of passengers, freight, supplies (CPC 7469);
Fuel and Oil Handling - organisation and provision of fuel and oil;
Aircraft Maintenance - covered specifically by the Annex as above;
Flight Operations and Crew Administration - preparation of the flight, inflight and post-flight assistance, crew administration;
Surface Transport – organisation and execution of transport within airport - except to and from aircraft;
Catering Services (CPC 6423) - addressed under the EC request on tourism and travel related services

Airport management services

Airport management services constitute the core activities of airport services providers and cover: Airport operation services (excl. cargo handling), including passenger air terminal services and ground services on air fields, including runway operating services, on a fee or contract CPC 74610. Activities are also related to "other management consulting services" (CPC 86509) and activities separately specified under "other management services not elsewhere classified"(CPC 86609). A commitment will allow services suppliers to take an equity stake in - and engage in the overall operation and management of - airports when these are open for investments from private operators. Thereby it will bind existing common practices in the sector.

ENERGY SERVICES

EC REQUEST TO OMAN

This Request includes services that are listed under the negotiating proposal of the EC (S/CSS/W/60). The work on the classification of these services is still underway. For this reason, some activities therefore lack reference to CPC.

The EC wishes to underline the significant contribution of an appropriate use of energy for the promotion of sustainable development.

The EC requests that this area is committed as follows:

C. SERVICES RELATED TO NETWORKS

C.1 Operation of transportation/transmission and distribution facilities

Transportation of petroleum and natural gas (CPC 71310)

This sub-sector is not committed. **EC Request:**

- Modes 3: Take commitments
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E. SERVICES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ENERGY

E.1 Wholesale of energy products

Wholesale trade services of electricity

EC Request:

- Mode 3: Take commitments
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E.2 Retail Sale of energy products

Retail sale trade services of electricity

EC Request:

- Mode 3: Take commitments for the supply to industrial customers
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments"

E.3 Trading of energy products

EC Request:

- Modes 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

E.4 Brokering of energy products

EC Request:

- Modes 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule “none” under MA and NT.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".

G. SERVICES RELATED TO DECOMMISSIONING

EC Request:

- Mode 3: Take full commitments, i.e. schedule "none" under MA and NT.
- Mode 4: Commit as referred in the section "Horizontal commitments".