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Really Good Friends – Meeting of 27 June 2013**Plurilateral Initiative on Trade in Services****Submission by Switzerland:****Text Proposal on Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (revised)****Objective**

During the 9th round of TISA meetings Switzerland submitted a proposal for a provision on the Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment (dated 18.3.2013).

Taking into consideration the comments expressed by TISA participants, Switzerland is submitting the following modified proposal in the spirit of convergence.

Proposed Text (revised):

Article : Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment

1. With respect to any measure covered by this Agreement, each Party shall accord immediately and unconditionally to services and service suppliers of any other Party treatment no less favourable than that it accords to like services and service suppliers of any other country.
2. A Party may maintain a measure inconsistent with paragraph 1 provided that such a measure is listed in its [List of MFN Exemptions], and meets the conditions of the Annex on Article II Exemptions of the GATS.
3. The provisions of this Agreement shall not be so construed as to prevent any Party from conferring or according advantages to adjacent countries in order to facilitate exchanges limited to contiguous frontier zones of services that are both locally produced and consumed.

Article : Economic Integration

Paragraph 1 of Article [MFN] shall not apply to agreements to which a Party is a party or is entering into and which liberalize trade in services between or among their parties, provided that such agreements are notified under Article V or Article *Vbis* of the GATS.
