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Reference Paper's general competition safeguard and to the functioning of the Annex on Telecommunications is clearly implied. When authorities dealing with competition policy are trying to determine whether or not market failure or anticompetitive practices are taking place, pricing is probably one of the most important signals that need to be examined.

Other more complex details on possible implications of GATS can be found in the Secretariat Note on roaming which has been made available to help stimulate Members' discussions. Therefore, I have tried not to repeat here many of the points made in the Note. What I have provided are thoughts of a more conceptual, overarching nature that I hope may be useful.

Thank you.