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In conformity with the decisions reached at the meeting of the Group of Negotiations on Services on 29 October 1993, Malta is hereby circulating a statement concerning its current list of exemptions from Article II of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).

The statement below has to be seen in Malta's geographical and regional context and more specifically with respect to Malta's application to join the European Union.

In the pre-accession period, Malta reserves the right to continue the process of alignment with the *acquis communautaire* thereby possibly granting preferential treatment exclusively to European Union countries.

Malta has signed a number of bilateral Investment Guarantee Agreements and the possibility exists for Malta to enter with other similar Agreements in the future. The provisions of such Agreements do not apply on an MFN basis.