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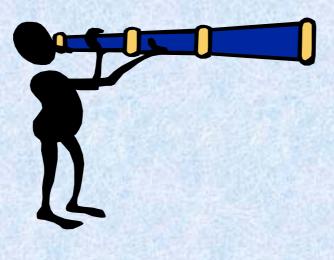
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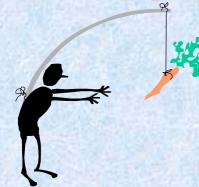
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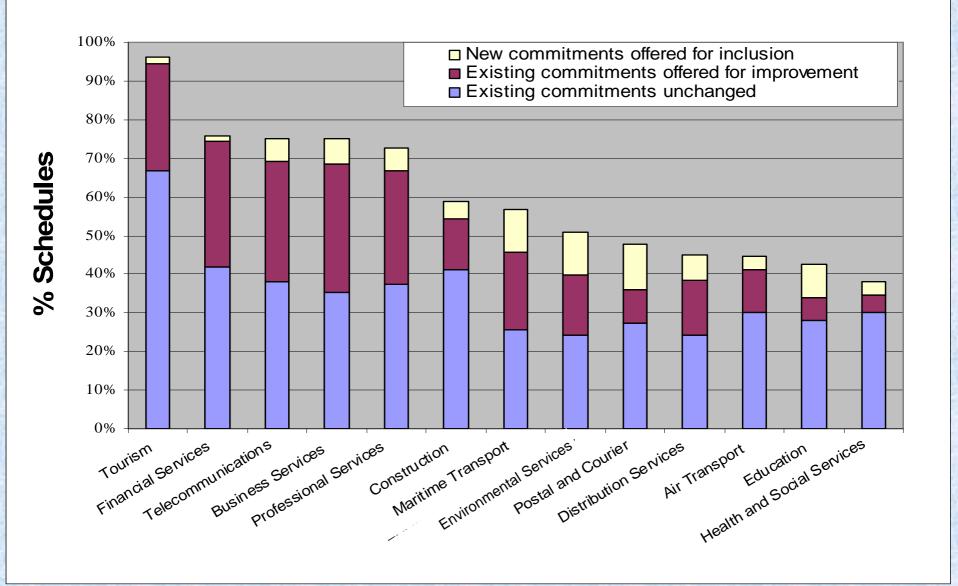
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Services Negotiations under the DDA: A Sobering Picture

Commitments and Offers: Overview



Offers: Quality

"Few, if any, new commercial opportunities would ensue for service suppliers. Most Members feel that the negotiations are not progressing as they should." Chair of CTSS, July 2005 (TN/S/20)

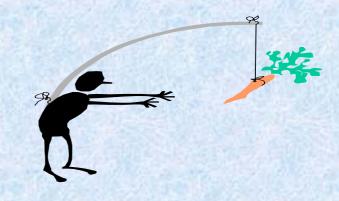
Rule-Making Areas

- Emergency Safeguards (Art. X)
- Government Procurement (Art. XIII)
- Subsidies (Art. XV)
- Domestic Regulation (Art. VI:4)

ANY RESULTS IN SIGHT???



Negotiations: The Main Impediments



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