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***(cq) services of general economic interest which the responsible Member State or the Community subjects to specific public service obligations;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*Article III-6 of the Constitutional Treaty states that “...the Union and the Member States... shall take care that such services operate on the basis of principles and conditions, in particular economic and financial, which enable them to fulfil their missions. European laws shall define these principles and conditions without prejudice to the competence of Member States, in compliance with the Constitution, to provide, to commission and to fund such services.” Failure to exclude services of general interest from the provisions of this Directive would constitute such a prejudice.*

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