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Christopher Roberts is chairman of the LOTIS (Liberalisation of Trade in Services) Committee in the City of London. This Committee brings together experts, drawn mainly from financial and professional services, to advise the British Government and the Commission of the European Union on international trade in services and specifically on the GATS negotiations. The LOTIS Committee is sponsored and serviced by International Financial Services, London (formerly British Invisibles), a private sector organisation whose membership is drawn from financial and related business services, and which works for the removal of barriers to trade in the global market for financial services.

Christopher Roberts is also senior trade analyst with Covington and Burling, an international law firm with a substantial trade practice in the United States, Europe and elsewhere. In this capacity he advises clients, including both Governments and individual companies, on developments in the WTO, on specific WTO disputes and on international trade issues generally.

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