In 2014, the value (in current US$) of exports of “communications services” (EBOPS 2002 code 245) increased by 11.1 percent (compared to 3.4 percent average growth rate from 2010-2014) to reach 115.5 bln US$ (see graph 1), while imports increased by 6.8 percent to reach 104.0 bln US$ (see table 3). Exports of this service accounted for 2.3 percent of total world services exports (see table 1). USA, United Kingdom and Netherlands were the top exporters in 2014 (see table 3). They accounted for 31.1, 10.5 and 7.8 percent of world exports, respectively. USA, United Kingdom and France were the top importers, with respectively 32.0, 7.9 and 6.8 percent of world imports (see table 3).

The top 15 countries/areas accounted for 84.1 and 84.0 percent of total world exports and imports, respectively (see tables 2 and 3). In 2014, Netherlands was the country/area with the highest value of net exports (+4.7 bln US$), followed by United Kingdom (+3.9 bln US$). By MDG regions (see graph 2), the largest surpluses in this product group were recorded by Developed Europe (+8.8 bln US$), Developed North America (+2.7 bln US$) and Northern Africa (+1.3 bln US$). The largest trade deficits were recorded by Western Asia (-2.1 bln US$), Eastern Asia (-1.4 bln US$) and Developed Asia-Pacific (-699.4 mn US$).