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Article I

Scope

This Annex shall apply to measures by a Party relating to recognition of qualifications of service suppliers obtained in the other Party by natural persons of either Party.

Article II

Procedures for Recognition

Where a Party has requirements for the authorisation or certification of service suppliers, that Party shall adopt or maintain procedures under which:

- (a) that Party gives due consideration to any requests by a service supplier of either Party to recognise its education or experience obtained, or requirements met in the other Party; and

- (b) where that Party finds that the application is deficient, the service supplier requesting recognition is informed of the deficiency. That Party shall endeavour to provide the service supplier whose application has been found to be deficient with at least one means to achieve the recognition.

Note: Such means to achieve recognition may include, but are not limited to, additional experience under the supervision of a professional qualified or licensed in that Party, additional academic training or exams in a specialised field, or language exams.

Article III

Provision of Information

1. Each Party shall designate an enquiry point that provides, upon request by a service supplier of the other Party, information, including reference to the applicable legal basis, on:

- (a) requirements and procedures to obtain, renew or retain any licence or qualification requirements, at least for regulated services; and
- (b) procedures available to service suppliers for requesting recognition under Article II of this Annex.

2. Each Party shall provide the other Party with the contact details of such an enquiry point.

3. Upon request by the other Party, a Party shall hold consultations regarding its procedures referred to in Article II of this Annex and provide any relevant information regarding recognition.

Article IV Recognition of Qualifications

Each Party shall encourage the competent authorities and the professional bodies in its territory to recognise qualifications of services suppliers obtained in the other Party, based *inter alia* upon equivalence, for the purpose of the fulfilment, in whole or in part, of its relevant standards or criteria for the authorisation, licensing or certification of service suppliers, in particular in the sector of professional services.