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Article 1

Scope

This Annex applies to measures by a Party affecting natural persons of another Party covered by its Schedule of Specific Commitments.

Article 2

General Principles

This Annex reflects the preferential trade relations between the Parties, the common objective to facilitate entry, temporary stay and work of natural persons on a mutually advantageous basis and in accordance with the Parties' Schedules of Specific Commitments, and the need to establish transparent, secure, effective and comprehensive information and procedures for, entry, temporary stay and work.

Article 3

Provision of Information

1. In the application of Article 6.10 of the Agreement, each Party shall make publicly available, or shall ensure that its competent authorities make publicly available, information necessary for an effective application for the grant of entry, temporary stay and work in its territory. Such information shall be kept updated.

2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall include a description of, in particular:

- (a) all categories of visas and work permits relevant to the entry, temporary stay and work of natural persons covered by this Annex;
- (b) requirements and procedures for application for, and issuance of, first-time entry, temporary stay and, where applicable, work permits, including information on documentation required, conditions to be met and method of filing; and
- (c) requirements and procedures for application for, and issuance of, renewed temporary stay and, where applicable, work permits.

3. Each Party shall provide the other Parties with details of relevant publications or websites where information referred to in paragraph 2 is made available.

4. Should the implementation of paragraph 1 prove not to be practicable for a Party, that Party shall provide the information referred to in paragraph 2, as well as any subsequent change thereto, to the other Parties. In addition, that Party shall indicate to the other Parties the contact details of an authority where service suppliers of the other Parties can, upon request, obtain the information referred to under paragraph 2.

Article 4

Expeditious Application Procedures

1. The competent authorities of each Party shall process expeditiously applications for granting entry, temporary stay or work permits submitted by service suppliers of other Parties, including applications for extensions thereof.

2. When the competent authorities of a Party require additional information from the applicant in order to process its application, they shall notify the applicant without undue delay.

3. Upon request by the applicant, the competent authorities of a Party shall provide, without undue delay, information concerning the status of its application.

4. The competent authorities of each Party shall notify the applicant for entry, temporary stay or work permit of the outcome of its application promptly after a decision has been taken. The notification shall include the period of stay and any other terms and conditions.
