

ANNEX 6-C

Professional Services

1. Each Party shall consult with the relevant bodies in its territory to seek to identify professional services where both Parties are mutually interested in establishing dialogue on issues that relate to the recognition of professional qualifications, licensing, or registration.

2. Each Party shall encourage the relevant bodies in its territory to establish dialogues with the relevant bodies of the other Party, with a view to recognizing professional qualifications, and facilitating licensing or registration procedures, and work towards the development of mutually acceptable professional standards and criteria in mutually accepted areas.

3. Each Party shall encourage its relevant bodies to:

- (a) negotiate with the relevant bodies of the other Party any form of arrangements for mutual recognition of professional qualifications, licensing or registration in professional services sectors of mutual interest; and
- (b) take into account other relevant multilateral agreements that relate to professional services in developing such arrangements on the recognition of professional qualifications, licensing and registration.

4. Each Party shall encourage the relevant bodies to refer to international frameworks, where applicable, in developing common standards and criteria for the relevant professions, and the standards and criteria referred to in paragraph 2 may include and be developed with regard to the following matters:

- (a) education;
- (b) examinations;
- (c) experience;
- (d) conduct and ethics;
- (e) professional development and re-certification;
- (f) scope of practice;
- (g) local knowledge; and

- (h) consumer protection.

5. A Party may consider, if feasible, based on a foreign supplier's home licence or recognized professional body membership, without the need for further written examination:

- (a) taking steps to implement a temporary or project specific licensing or registration regime; or
- (b) granting such license or registration, if appropriate.

That temporary or limited license regime should not operate to prevent a foreign supplier from gaining a local license once that supplier satisfies the applicable local licensing requirements.

6. For purposes of transparency, on request of the other Party, a Party shall, where practicable provide information concerning standards and criteria for the certification and licensing of professional service suppliers, or otherwise provide information concerning the appropriate regulatory or other body to consult regarding these standards and criteria.

7. The Parties may periodically review the implementation of this Annex through the Committee on Trade in Services and Investment as may be established in accordance with Article 12.4 (Committees and Subsidiary Bodies).

8. In reviewing the implementation of this Annex, the Parties shall endeavour to consider issues for professional services generally and, as appropriate, for individual professional services, including:

- (a) procedures for fostering the development of mutual recognition arrangements between relevant bodies;
- (b) the feasibility of developing model procedures for the licensing and certification of professional services suppliers; and
- (c) other issues of mutual interest relating to the supply of professional services.