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Article 1

***Scope***

This Annex applies to recognition by a Party of qualifications obtained in another Party by natural persons of any Party.

Article 2

***Procedures for Recognition***

1. Where a Party has requirements for the authorisation, licensing or certification of service suppliers, that Party shall have procedures under which service suppliers may request recognition of education or experience obtained, requirements met, or licences or certifications granted in the territory of another Party.
2. Where a Party finds that the education or experience obtained, requirements met or licences or certifications granted in the territory of another Party are deficient, the service supplier requesting recognition shall be informed of the deficiency. In that case, that Party shall endeavour to provide, under its procedures, for at least one means to achieve equivalence.<sup>1</sup>

Article 3

***Provision of Information***

1. Each Party shall establish or designate an enquiry point that provides, upon request by a service supplier of another Party, information on procedures available to service suppliers for applying for recognition according to Article 2 (Procedures for Recognition).
2. Each Party shall provide the other Parties with the contact details of such enquiry point.

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<sup>1</sup> Such means to achieve equivalence may include, but are not limited to, additional experience under the supervision of a professional qualified or licensed in the territory of that Party, additional academic training, or exams in a specialised field, or language exams.

3. Upon request by another Party, a Party shall hold consultation regarding its domestic procedures referred to in Article 2 (Procedures for Recognition) and provide relevant information.

#### Article 4

##### ***Recognition of Qualifications***

1. Each Party shall encourage its competent authorities and professional bodies to:
  - (a) recognise qualifications of the other Parties, based *inter alia* upon principles of equivalence, in order to fulfil, in whole or in part, its relevant standards or criteria for the authorisation, licensing, or certification of service suppliers, in particular in the sector of professional services;
  - (b) facilitate mutual recognition with due regard to international cooperation in the field and to relevant international instruments and standards, and
  - (c) cooperate, including through the negotiation of an agreement on mutual recognition as appropriate.
  
2. Upon request of a Party, the Parties shall report to the Joint Committee any progress and impediments experienced and possible solutions for resolving such impediments.

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