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Article 1

Scope

This Annex applies to the recognition by a Party of qualifications obtained in the territory of another Party by service suppliers who are natural persons of any Party.

Article 2

Procedures for Recognition

Where a Party has requirements for the authorisation, licensing or certification of service suppliers, whether by competent governmental authorities or relevant professional bodies, as the case may be, that Party shall:

- (a) have procedures under which a service supplier has ways and means to request the recognition of its qualifications obtained in the territory of another Party; and
- (b) inform the service supplier requesting recognition when the qualifications obtained, in the territory of another Party are found to be deficient. In that case, that Party shall endeavour to provide, under its procedures, for at least one means to achieve equivalence.¹

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 pursuant to Article 2.
2. Each Party shall provide the other Parties with the contact details of such enquiry point.

¹ 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 depending on the context.

3. Upon request by another Party, a Party shall hold consultations with the requesting Party regarding its domestic procedures referred to in Article 2 and provide any required information.

Article 4

Recognition of Qualifications

Each Party shall encourage the competent governmental authorities or relevant professional bodies, as the case may be, in its territory, in the relevant service sectors, to cooperate with a view to engage in issues of recognition for the purpose of the fulfilment in whole or in part of its relevant standard or criteria for the authorisation, licensing, certification or requirements of experience obtained of service suppliers and recognise qualifications of the other Parties based, *inter alia*, upon principles of equivalence.
