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ANNEX 9-A

MOVEMENT OF NATURAL PERSONS FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES

ARTICLE 1

Temporary entry-related procedural commitments

Each Party should ensure that the processing of applications for temporary entry pursuant to their respective commitments in this Agreement follows good administrative practice. To that effect:

- (a) each Party shall ensure that fees charged by its competent authorities for the processing of applications for temporary entry are reasonable, in that they do not unduly impair or delay trade in services or conduct of investment activities under this Agreement;
- (b) subject to the competent authorities' discretion, documents required from the applicant for an application for the grant of temporary entry of short-term visitors for business purposes should be commensurate with the purpose for which they are required;
- (c) complete applications for the grant of temporary entry shall be processed as expeditiously as possible;
- (d) the competent authorities of a Party shall endeavour to provide, without undue delay, information in response to any reasonable request from an applicant concerning the status of an application;
- (e) if the competent authorities of a Party require additional information from the applicant in order to process the application, they shall endeavour to notify the applicant without undue delay;

- (f) the competent authorities of each Party shall notify the applicant of the outcome of the application promptly after a decision has been taken;
- (g) if the application is approved, the competent authorities of each Party shall notify the applicant of the period of stay and other relevant terms and conditions;
- (h) if the application is denied, the competent authorities of a Party shall, upon request or upon their own initiative make available to the applicant information on any available administrative review; and
- (i) each Party shall endeavour to accept and process applications in electronic format.

ARTICLE 2

Additional procedural commitments applying to intra-corporate transferees and their family members⁹

The Union shall extend to family members of natural persons of Australia who are intra-corporate transferees to the Union, the right of temporary entry and stay granted to family members of an intra-corporate transferee under Article 19 of the Directive 2014/66/EU.

⁹ This Article does not apply to the Member States that are not subject to the Directive 2014/66/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals in the framework of an intra-corporate transfer (OJ EU L 157, 27.5.2014, p. 1).