Annex 8
Referred to in Chapter 9 (Trade in Services)

RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS OF SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Article 1
Scope

Further to Articles 9.8 (Trade in Services – Domestic Regulation) and 9.9 (Trade in Services – Recognition), this Annex shall apply to measures by a Party relating to recognition of qualifications of service suppliers obtained in the other Party by natural persons of either Party.

Article 2
Provision of Information

1. Each Party shall designate one or more enquiry points that provide, on request of a service supplier of the other Party, information, including reference to the applicable legal basis, on:

(a) standards and criteria for the licensing and certification of professionals, which may include requirements regarding education, examinations, experience, conduct and ethics, professional development and re-certification, scope of practice, local knowledge, and consumer protection;

(b) the appropriate competent authority or other body to consult regarding the standards and criteria referred to in subparagraph (a); and

(c) requirements and procedures to obtain, renew or retain any licence or qualification requirements, at least for regulated services.

2. Each Party shall provide the other Party with the contact details of such enquiry points.

3. On request of the other Party, a Party shall hold consultations regarding its procedures for recognising qualifications and provide any relevant information regarding recognition to the other Party.

Article 3
Recognition of Qualifications

1. Each Party shall encourage the competent authorities and the professional bodies in its Area to recognise qualifications of services suppliers obtained in the other Party, based *inter alia* upon equivalence, for the purposes of the fulfilment, in whole or in part, of its relevant standards or criteria for the authorisation, licensing or certification of service suppliers, in particular in the sector of professional services. Such recognition could be accorded unilaterally, or through bilateral or multilateral recognition agreements or arrangements.

2. Each Party shall support mutual recognition initiatives led by professional bodies of the Party subject to its available resources.