3. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from applying measures to regulate the entry of natural persons of another Party into, or their temporary stay in, its territory, including those measures necessary to protect the integrity of, and to ensure the orderly movement of natural persons across, its borders, provided that those measures are not applied in a manner as to nullify or impair the benefits accruing to any Party under this Chapter.

4. The sole fact that a Party requires natural persons of another Party to obtain an immigration formality shall not be regarded as nullifying or impairing the benefits accruing to any Party under this Chapter.

Article 9.3: Spouses and Dependants

Each Party may make commitments on spouses or dependants in its Schedule in Annex IV (Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Movement of Natural Persons).

Article 9.4: Grant of Temporary Entry

1. Each Party shall, in accordance with its Schedule in Annex IV (Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Movement of Natural Persons), grant temporary entry or extension of temporary stay in accordance with this Chapter to natural persons of another Party, provided that those natural persons:

   (a) follow prescribed application procedures for the immigration formality sought; and

   (b) meet all relevant eligibility requirements for temporary entry into, or extension of temporary stay in, the granting Party.

2. In accordance with its laws and regulations, any fees imposed by a Party in respect of the processing of an immigration formality shall be reasonable in that they do not, in themselves, represent an unjustifiable impediment to the movement of natural persons of another Party under this Chapter.

3. A Party may deny temporary entry or extension of temporary stay to any natural person of another Party who does not comply with subparagraph 1(a) or (b).

4. The sole fact that a Party grants temporary entry to a natural person of another Party pursuant to this Chapter shall not be construed to exempt that natural person from meeting any applicable licensing or other requirements, including any mandatory codes of conduct, to practise a profession or otherwise engage in business activities.

Article 9.5: Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Movement of Natural Persons

Each Party shall set out in its Schedule in Annex IV (Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Movement of Natural Persons) its commitments for the temporary entry into and temporary stay in its territory of natural persons of another Party covered by Article 9.2 (Scope). These Schedules shall specify the conditions and limitations governing those commitments, including the length of stay, for each category of natural persons included therein.[1]

Article 9.6: Processing of Applications

1. Where an application for an immigration formality is required by a Party, that Party shall process, as expeditiously as possible, complete applications for immigration formalities or extensions thereof received from natural persons of another Party covered by Article 9.2 (Scope).

2. Each Party shall, upon request and within a reasonable period after receiving a complete application for an immigration formality from a natural person of another Party covered by Article 9.2 (Scope), notify the applicant of:

   (a) the receipt of the application; and

   (b) the decision concerning the application including, if approved, the period of stay and other conditions.

[1] For the purposes of this Article, conditions and limitations include any economic needs testing requirement, which no Party may impose unless specified in its Schedule in Annex IV (Schedules of Specific Commitments on Temporary Movement of Natural Persons).