Article 2

1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 25 of the Convention, the BIE shall be responsible for supervising and ensuring the application of the provisions of the Convention in relation to the Exhibition.

2. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 10 of the Convention, the Government of Japan shall guarantee the fulfilment of the obligations of the Organiser and ensure that the Organiser carries out tasks relating to the preparation and operation of the Exhibition.

3. In accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, the Commissioner-General of the Exhibition represents the Government of Japan for all purposes of the Convention and in all matters concerning the Exhibition.

Article 3

1. The Government of Japan shall take all measures necessary to facilitate the entry into and stay in Japan of the following persons in accordance with the laws and regulations of Japan. Their visas with reference to the Exhibition shall be granted free of charge and as promptly as possible:

(a) staff of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General and their dependants;

(b) personnel of providers of services to the Official Participants;

(c) personnel of exhibitors of the Official Participants;

(d) persons involved in artistic and cultural events organised by the Official Participants within the site of the Exhibition;

(e) journalists accompanying the delegations of the Official Participants who cover events organised by the Official Participants at the Exhibition;

(f) persons involved in commercial activities by the Official Participants within the site of the Exhibition with authorisation from the Organiser; and

(g) representatives of the BIE and their dependants.

2. A competent immigration authority of Japan shall issue a residence card to the staff of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General who are eligible to stay in Japan for more than three months. A residence card, however, will not be issued to those who are eligible to stay under the status of residence of “Temporary Visitor”, “Diplomat” or “Official”.

3. The One Stop Shop referred to in Article 13 of this Agreement will prepare certificates relating to the entry, stay, residence and work of persons listed in paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. The Offices of the Section Commissioners-General should in each case and without delay notify the Government of Japan through the One Stop Shop of the names of the staff of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General, the names of their dependants, and the duration of their stay in Japan, together with other relevant information.

5. The Offices of the Section Commissioners-General should in each case and without delay notify the Government of Japan through the One Stop Shop of the names of the persons referred to in subparagraphs (b) to (f) of paragraph 1 of this Article as well as the duration and the purpose of their stay in Japan, together with other relevant information.

6. The BIE shall in each case and without delay notify the Government of Japan through the One Stop Shop of the names of the representatives of the BIE, the names of their dependants, and the duration of their stay in Japan, together with other relevant information.

Article 4

1. Within the scope of non-commercial activities connected with the Exhibition of the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General, the Offices of the Section Commissioners-General which are corporations not having their head or main office in Japan and their property, assets and income shall be exempt in Japan from all direct taxes except those which are, in fact, no more than charges for public services.