

## REQUESTS FOR HORIZONTAL COMMITMENTS

Horizontal commitments refer to those commitments which apply to all sectors.

### **Existing commitments:**

Categories of business visitors, ICTs (Managers, Executives and Specialists with prior employment stipulation of one year) and professionals will be granted entry and temporary stay for a period ranging from ninety days to five years depending on the category.

A horizontal limitation on national treatment has been scheduled to facilitate preferential access to foreign service suppliers/entities that offer the best terms for transfer of technology in case of collaboration with PSEs or Government undertakings.

### **Summary of requests made to India:**

India has been asked to take commitments with regard to transparency in domestic regulations, simplify procedures, eliminate differential treatment of foreign service suppliers and facilitate the movement of natural persons under Mode 4. The categories of professionals on which commitments have been sought include intra-corporate transferees, contractual service suppliers and specialists (tradespersons, associate professionals, professionals and managers).

### **Summary of requests made by India:**

- Take full commitments in respect of the category of independent professionals de-linked from commercial presence.
- Put in place a Visa system to ensure the fulfilment of Horizontal and Sectoral commitments undertaken.
- Undertake to put in place a Visa system ensuring grant of multiple entry visas for professionals.
- Allow inter-firm mobility to professionals.

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