

ANNEX 8C

MOVEMENT OF NATURAL PERSONS

Article 1

Scope

This Annex applies to measures by a Party affecting natural persons of the other Party covered by its schedule of specific commitments.

Article 2

Provision of Information

1. In the application of Article 8.18 (Movement of Natural Persons) of this Agreement, each Party shall make publicly available or shall ensure that its competent authorities make publicly available, information necessary for an effective application for the grant of entry, temporary stay and work in its territory. Such information shall be up-to-date.
2. The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall include a description of, in particular:
 - (a) all categories of visas and work permits relevant to the entry, temporary stay and work of natural persons covered by this Annex;
 - (b) requirements and procedures for application for and issuance of entry, temporary stay and, where applicable, work permits, including information on documentation required, conditions to be met and method of filing; and
 - (c) requirements and procedures for application for and issuance of renewed temporary stay and, where applicable, work permits.
3. Each Party shall provide the other Party with details of relevant publications or websites where information referred to in paragraph 2 is made available.
4. Where the implementation of paragraph 1 is not practicable or feasible for a Party, that Party shall provide the information referred to in paragraph 2 and any subsequent change thereto to the other Party. In addition, that Party shall indicate to the other Party the contact details of an authority where service suppliers of the other Party can, upon request, obtain the information referred to in paragraph 2.

Article 3
Expeditious Application Procedures

1. The competent authorities of each Party shall expeditiously process applications for granting entry, temporary stay or work permits submitted by service suppliers of the other Party, including applications for extensions or renewals thereof.
2. If the competent authorities of a Party require additional information from the applicant in order to process its application, they shall notify the applicant without undue delay.
3. Upon request by the applicant, the competent authorities of a Party shall provide information concerning the status of its application without undue delay.
4. The competent authorities of each Party shall notify the applicant for entry, temporary stay or work permit of the outcome of its application without undue delay after a decision has been taken. The notification shall include the period of stay and any other terms and conditions.
5. Each Party shall ensure that fees charged by its competent authorities for the processing of an application for granting entry, temporary stay or work permit submitted by service suppliers of the other Party are reasonable and do not unduly impair or delay trade in services.