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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII:4 OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification, dated 12 March 2010 from the delegation of the United States is being circulated to the Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

1. Member notifying:

United States

2. Notification under:

Article VII, paragraph 4, of the General Agreement on Trade in Services - Recognition

3. Date of entry into force:

24 September 2008 / Indefinite

4. Agency responsible for implementation and enforcement of the measure:

Texas Board of Professional Engineers

5. Complete description of the measure¹ indicating the modes of supply covered, the effect on trade in services (e.g., restrictions/liberalization measures) and the impact of the measure on commitments in the Member's schedule and Article II (MFN) exemption list, if relevant:

This Mutual Recognition Agreement is between the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and the Institution of Engineers Australia (Engineers Australia). It is intended to permit the mutual recognition of Registered/Licensed Engineers from a Home Jurisdiction in the Host Jurisdiction.

In Texas, the MRA provides for the granting of a temporary license to qualified engineers from Australia without examination, except for local tests for codes and ethics. The license is renewable annually for a period of three years.

In Australia, the MRA provides for the granting of a full license to qualified engineers from Texas without examination, except for local tests for codes and ethics. The license is renewable annually.

¹ Including international agreements and recognition and other measures.

6. Members specifically affected, if any:

Australia

7. Texts available from:

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