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DOMESTIC REGULATION – DEVELOPMENT OF MEASURES, GENDER EQUALITY

Revision¹

The following communication, dated 12 July 2017, is being circulated to the Members of the Working Party on Domestic Regulation, at the request of the delegations of Albania, Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Pakistan, Panama and Uruguay.

This proposal for an article on *Gender Equality* for negotiation in the Working Party on Domestic Regulation (WPDR) covers elements of domestic regulation within the scope of GATS Article VI.4.

[...] GENDER EQUALITY

Where a Member adopts or maintains licensing requirements, licensing procedures, qualification requirements or qualification procedures, the Member shall ensure that such measures do not discriminate against individuals on the basis of gender.²

¹ This revision modifies the previous submission, JOB/SERV/258/Rev.3, dated 12 July 2017, by adding Liechtenstein, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Pakistan and Panama to the list of co-sponsors.

² For greater certainty, this provision does not apply to reasonable and bona fide circumstances of discrimination, and to affirmative action policies aimed at disadvantaged persons.