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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON DOMESTIC REGULATION  
TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN SERVICES (2018)**

1. Since its Annual Report of 2017 to the Council for Trade in Services<sup>1</sup>, the Working Party on Domestic Regulation (WPDR) held one formal meeting on 7 and 8 November 2017.<sup>2</sup>

2. During the formal meeting of 7 and 8 November 2017, the Working Party addressed a communication on "Disciplines on Domestic Regulation" by a group of Members<sup>3, 4</sup>, as well as a communication by the Russian Federation<sup>5</sup> containing proposed amendments and modifications to the proposed disciplines. In addition, a group of Members circulated responses to questions on domestic regulation.<sup>6</sup> A group of Members<sup>7</sup>, as well as India<sup>8</sup>, circulated statements made during the meeting.

3. Following the meeting of 7 and 8 November, communications to the WPDR were issued by the African Group<sup>9</sup> and India.<sup>10</sup> The Chairperson of the Working Party submitted a report on the state of play of the Working Party's discussions to the Council for Trade in Services (Special Session).<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> S/WPDR/20, dated 16 November 2017.

<sup>2</sup> The report of the meeting is contained in document S/WPDR/M/73, dated 9 March 2018, and should be read in conjunction with this report.

<sup>3</sup> JOB/SERV/272/Rev.4, dated 30 November 2017 - Communication from delegations of Albania; Argentina; Australia; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; the European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; the Republic of Kazakhstan; the Republic of Korea; Liechtenstein; Mexico; the Republic of Moldova; Montenegro; New Zealand; Norway; Peru; the Russian Federation; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey; Ukraine and Uruguay - Disciplines on Domestic Regulation.

<sup>4</sup> In order to inform delegations about the latest version of communications that were subsequently revised to add co-sponsors, these communications are referred to by their latest revision.

<sup>5</sup> JOB/SERV/273, dated 3 November 2017 - Communication from the Russian Federation; Proposed Amendments and modifications to the Communication from Argentina; Australia; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; the European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Kazakhstan; The Republic of Korea; Liechtenstein; Mexico; the Republic of Moldova; New Zealand; Norway; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey and Uruguay - Disciplines on Domestic Regulation (JOB/SERV/272).

<sup>6</sup> JOB/SERV/270, dated 12 October 2017 - Communication from Argentina; Australia; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; the European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Kazakhstan; the Republic of Korea; Liechtenstein; Mexico; the Republic of Moldova; New Zealand; Norway; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu and Turkey - Responses to Questions on Domestic Regulation - Submission by Co-sponsors of Disciplines on Domestic Regulation.

<sup>7</sup> RD/SERV/148, dated 7 November 2017 - Unofficial Room Document by Argentina; Australia; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; the European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Kazakhstan; the Republic of Korea; Liechtenstein; Mexico; the Republic of Moldova; New Zealand; Norway; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Turkey; Ukraine and Uruguay - Statement delivered on behalf of co-sponsors of Disciplines on Domestic Regulation - 7 November 2017.

<sup>8</sup> RD/SERV/149, dated 30 November 2017 - Unofficial Room Document from India - Comments by India on Co-sponsors' Text on Disciplines on Domestic Regulation (JOB/SERV/272) - Interventions at the meeting of the WPDR on 7 and 8 November 2017.

<sup>9</sup> JOB/SERV/274, dated 4 December 2017 - African Group Elements for Ministerial Decision - Disciplines on Domestic Regulation.

<sup>10</sup> JOB/SERV/276, dated 5 December 2017 - Comments by India on Co-sponsors' Text on Disciplines on Domestic Regulation (WT/MIN(17)/7; WT/GC/190) - Disciplines on Domestic Regulation.

<sup>11</sup> S/WPDR/21, dated 21 November 2017.