



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON DOMESTIC REGULATION
TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN SERVICES (2019)**

1. Since its Annual Report of 2018 to the Council for Trade in Services¹, the Working Party on Domestic Regulation held two formal meetings, on 5 December 2018 and 20 March 2019.²
2. At the formal meeting of 5 December 2018, the Working Party addressed a communication from India³ containing a draft for discussion on disciplines for supply of a service through the presence of a natural person of a Member in the territory of another Member. India's introductory statement to their communication was circulated to Members.⁴
3. During the formal meeting of 20 March 2019, the Working Party addressed a communication from India⁵ containing a revised draft for discussion on disciplines for supply of a service through the presence of a natural person of a Member in the territory of another Member. India's revised proposal introduced, *inter alia*, disciplines on application procedures and requirements for temporary entry related to fulfilment of domestic regulations under Article VI:4. India's introductory statement to their communication was circulated to Members.⁶ While some Members expressed support, others raised questions or expressed doubt about whether this approach could lead to consensus.

¹ S/WPDR/22, dated 27 November 2018.

² The reports of the meetings are contained in documents S/WPDR/M/74 and S/WPDR/M/75. These should be read in conjunction with this report.

³ S/WPDR/W/61, dated 26 November 2018 - Communication from India; GATS Article VI:4 - Disciplines for Supply of a Service through the Presence of a Natural Person of a Member in the Territory of another Member.

⁴ RD/SERV/151, dated 5 December 2018 - Unofficial Room Document from India - Opening statement made at the WPDR meeting on 5 December 2018.

⁵ S/WPDR/W/61/Rev.1, dated 8 March 2019 - Communication from India; GATS Article VI:4 - Disciplines for Supply of a Service through the Presence of a Natural Person of a Member in the Territory of another Member - Revision.

⁶ RD/SERV/152, dated 20 March 2019 - Unofficial Room Document from India - Opening statement made at the WPDR meeting on 20 March 2019 - Revised Communication from India (S/WPDR/W/61/Rev.1).