



**DECLARATION ON THE CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON
SERVICES DOMESTIC REGULATION**

This Declaration is being issued at the request of Albania; Argentina; Australia; Bahrain, Kingdom of; Brazil; Canada; Chile; China; Colombia; Costa Rica; El Salvador; European Union; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; Israel; Japan; Kazakhstan; Korea, Republic of; Liechtenstein; Mauritius; Mexico; Moldova, Republic of; Montenegro; New Zealand; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Singapore; Switzerland; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Thailand; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom; United States; Uruguay.

1. The following Members of the World Trade Organization ("WTO")

Albania	Montenegro
Argentina	New Zealand
Australia	Nigeria
Bahrain, Kingdom of	North Macedonia
Brazil	Norway
Canada	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
China	Philippines
Colombia	Russian Federation
Costa Rica	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
El Salvador	Singapore
European Union	Switzerland
Hong Kong, China	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
Iceland	Thailand
Israel	Turkey
Japan	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom
Korea, Republic of	United States
Liechtenstein	Uruguay
Mauritius	
Mexico	
Moldova, Republic of	

hereafter referred to as the "Participants",

in continuance of the commitment announced on 13 December 2017 at the 11th Session of the Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WT/MIN(17)/61), and reaffirmed on 23 May 2019 (WT/L/1059), and in ongoing recognition of the importance of good regulatory practice in facilitating trade in services,

hereby announce the successful conclusion of the negotiations in the Joint Initiative on Services Domestic Regulation.

2. The Participants note the conclusion of negotiations on the Reference Paper on Services Domestic Regulation (INF/SDR/2, of 26 November 2021, Annex 1).
3. The Participants welcome the Schedules of Specific Commitments (INF/SDR/3/Rev.1, of 2 December 2021, Annex 2) which were submitted as their contributions to finalize the negotiations.
4. The Participants intend to incorporate the disciplines in the Reference Paper as additional commitments into their GATS Schedules, in accordance with Section I of the Reference Paper.
5. Subject to the completion of any required domestic procedures, the Participants aim to submit their Schedules of Specific Commitments for certification, in accordance with the Procedures for the Certification of Rectifications or Improvements to Schedules of Specific Commitments (S/L/84, of 14 April 2000), within twelve months of the date of this Declaration.
6. Within six months of the date of this Declaration, the Participants intend to convene to provide an update on their progress in completing any required domestic procedures and assess whether their Schedules of Specific Commitments can be submitted for certification earlier than the timeframe specified in paragraph 5.
7. The Participants welcome any other WTO Member to join this Declaration with a view to incorporating the disciplines in the Reference Paper as additional commitments into its GATS Schedule, in accordance with Section I of the Reference Paper.
