ANNEX I
Explanatory Notes to the Schedule of the United States

1. The Schedule of the United States to this Annex sets out, pursuant to Articles 11.12 (Non-Conforming Measures) and 12.6 (Non-Conforming Measures), the United States’ existing measures that are not subject to some or all of the obligations imposed by:

   (a) Article 11.3 (National Treatment) or 12.2 (National Treatment);
   
   (b) Article 11.4 (Most-Favored-Nation Treatment) or 12.3 (Most-Favored-Nation Treatment);

   (c) Article 12.5 (Local Presence);

   (d) Article 11.8 (Performance Requirements);

   (e) Article 11.9 (Senior Management and Boards of Directors); or

   (f) Article 12.4 (Market Access).

2. Each Schedule entry sets out the following elements:

   (a) **Sector** refers to the sector for which the entry is made;

   (b) **Obligations Concerned** specifies the article(s) referred to in paragraph 1 that, pursuant to Articles 11.12.1(a) and 12.6.1(a), do not apply to the non-conforming aspects of the law, regulation, or other measure, as set out in paragraph 3;

   (c) **Level of Government** indicates the level of government maintaining the scheduled measure(s);

   (d) **Measures** identifies the laws, regulations, or other measures for which the entry is made. A measure cited in the **Measures** element:

      (i) means the measure as amended, continued, or renewed as of the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and

      (ii) includes any subordinate measure adopted or maintained under the authority of and consistent with the measure; and

   (e) **Description** sets out commitments, if any, for liberalization on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and the remaining non-conforming aspects of the measure for which the entry is made.

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3. In the interpretation of a Schedule entry, all elements of the entry shall be considered. An entry shall be interpreted in light of the relevant articles of the Chapters against which the entry is made. To the extent that:

   (a) the Measures element is qualified by a liberalization commitment from the Description element, the Measures element as so qualified shall prevail over all other elements; and

   (b) the Measures element is not so qualified, the Measures element shall prevail over all other elements, unless any discrepancy between the Measures element and the other elements considered in their totality is so substantial and material that it would be unreasonable to conclude that the Measures element should prevail, in which case the other elements shall prevail to the extent of that discrepancy.

4. In accordance with Article 11.12.1(a) and 12.6.1(a), and subject to Article 11.12.1(c) and 12.6.1(c), the articles of this Agreement specified in the Obligations Concerned element of an entry do not apply to the non-conforming aspects of the law, regulation, or other measure identified in the Measures element of that entry.

5. Where the United States maintains a measure that requires that a service provider be a citizen, permanent resident, or resident of its territory as a condition to the provision of a service in its territory, a Schedule entry for that measure taken with respect to Article 12.2 (National Treatment), 12.3 (Most-Favored-Nation Treatment), or 12.5 (Local Presence) shall operate as a Schedule entry with respect to Article 11.3 (National Treatment), 11.4 (Most-Favored-Nation Treatment), or 11.8 (Performance Requirements) to the extent of that measure.

6. For greater certainty, Local Presence (Article 12.5) and National Treatment (Article 12.2) are separate disciplines and a measure that is only inconsistent with Local Presence (Article 12.5) need not be reserved against National Treatment (Article 12.2).