Article 7.1: Digital Identities

1. Recognising that the cooperation of the Parties on digital identities, individual or corporate, will increase regional and global connectivity, and recognising that each Party may have different implementations of, and legal approaches to, digital identities, each Party shall endeavour to promote the interoperability between their respective regimes for digital identities. This may include:

   (a) the establishment or maintenance of appropriate frameworks to foster technical interoperability or common standards between each Party’s implementation of digital identities;

   (b) comparable protection of digital identities afforded by each Party’s respective legal frameworks, or the recognition of their legal and regulatory effects, whether accorded autonomously or by mutual agreement;

   (c) the establishment or maintenance of broader international frameworks; and

   (d) the exchange of knowledge and expertise on best practices relating to digital identity policies and regulations, technical implementation and security standards, and user adoption.

2. For greater certainty, nothing in this Article shall prevent a Party from adopting or maintaining measures inconsistent with paragraph 1 to achieve a legitimate public policy objective.