

1. The Preamble is hereby amended as follows:

### **Amendments to the Preamble**

- [1]. The following paragraphs are added to the Preamble following the paragraph commencing “DESIRING to strengthen the development and enforcement of labour and environmental laws and policies...”:

“RECOGNISING that small and medium-sized enterprises, including a micro-sized enterprise, contribute significantly to economic growth and require support to participate in and benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement;

STRENGTHENING the resilience of their shared supply chains, through cooperation between the Parties on supply chain policy development and growth, and providing businesses with greater certainty during times of supply chain disruption;

SEEKING to increase women’s access to and ability to fully benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement and to support the conditions for women to participate equitably in global, regional and domestic economies;

RECOGNISING the growing significance of digital trade, their commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, and the importance of promoting trust and certainty in the digital economy and addressing unjustified barriers to trade enabled by electronic means and data flows;

RECOGNISING the importance of ensuring certainty for service suppliers, including by agreeing commitments on enabling the entry and temporary stay of business persons to supply services in each of the Parties’ territories; and”

- [2]. The reference to “; and” at the end of the paragraph commencing “DESIRING to strengthen the development and enforcement of labour and environmental laws and policies” is deleted.