

ANNEX 10A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Development of Professional Services

1. Each Party shall encourage the relevant bodies in its territory to develop mutually acceptable standards and criteria for licensing and certification of professional services suppliers of the other Party and to provide recommendations on its mutual recognition to the Joint Commission.

2. The standards and criteria referred to in paragraph 1 may be developed regarding the following matters:

- (a) education: accreditation of schools or academic programs;
- (b) examinations: qualifying examinations for licensing, including alternative methods of assessment such as oral examinations and interviews;
- (c) experience: length and nature of experience required for licensing;
- (d) conduct and ethics: standards of professional conduct and the nature of disciplinary action for non-conformity with those standards;
- (e) professional development and re-certification: continuing education and ongoing requirements to maintain professional certification;
- (f) scope of practice: extent of, or limitations on, permissible activities; or
- (g) local knowledge: requirements for knowledge of such matters as local laws, regulations, language, geography, or climate.

3. Upon receipt of a recommendation referred to in paragraph 1, the Joint Commission shall review the recommendation within a reasonable time to determine whether it is consistent with this Agreement. Based on the result of the Joint Commission's review, each Party shall encourage its relevant bodies, where appropriate, to implement the recommendation within a mutually agreed time.

Temporary Licensing

4. For mutually agreed individual professional services, each Party shall encourage the relevant bodies in its territory to develop procedures for the temporary licensing of professional service suppliers of the other Party.

Review

5. The Joint Commission shall review the implementation of this Annex at least once every three years. The Joint Commission will take into account in its review the different views of the Parties on their regulations.