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**Decision by the Commission  
of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership  
regarding the Participation of Successful Aspirant Economies**

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Recalling that the Commission is “composed of government representatives of each Party” (Article 27.1: Establishment of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Commission) and a Party is defined as “any State or separate customs territory for which this Agreement is in force” (Article 1.3: General Definitions); and

Affirming the importance of maintaining solidarity and cooperation amongst all Parties and successful aspirant economies to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (“CPTPP” or “Agreement”);

**The Commission decides as follows:**

- 1.1 For the period between the signature (by all CPTPP Parties and a successful aspirant economy) and the entry into force of a protocol of accession to the CPTPP for a successful aspirant economy, successful aspirant economies may participate in meetings of all CPTPP fora, such as the Commission and all committees, working groups and any other subsidiary bodies established under the Agreement.
- 1.2 For the purposes of this decision, a “successful aspirant economy” is a State or separate customs territory that has signed a protocol of accession to the CPTPP which has also been signed by all CPTPP Parties, but which has not yet entered into force.
- 1.3 For greater certainty, this decision does not confer or impose on a successful aspirant economy any legal rights and obligations of a Party under the Agreement. Further, for greater certainty, a successful aspirant economy cannot block consensus of or agreement by the Parties in the Commission or any of its subsidiary bodies, as provided for in Article 27.3 (Decision-Making).