

## **PREAMBLE**

Australia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom”), hereinafter each individually referred to as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”,

**REINFORCING** the longstanding bonds of friendship, cooperation, and people to people linkages between them;

**RESOLVING** to strengthen their economic relations, and further liberalise and expand bilateral trade and investment;

**DETERMINED** to build on their rights and obligations under the WTO Agreement and other international agreements to which they are both parties;

**SEEKING** to establish clear and mutually advantageous rules governing their trade and investment, to promote a predictable business environment, and eliminate barriers between them;

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

**RECOGNISING** the Parties’ respective autonomy and rights to regulate within their territories in order to achieve legitimate public policy objectives such as the protection and promotion of public health, education, labour standards, social services, safety, the environment including climate change, and animal welfare;

**RECOGNISING** the strong and mutually supportive relationship between trade and innovation, and the contribution of both to economic growth and addressing shared challenges, and affirming the Parties’ commitment to expanding their cooperation in this area;

**SEEKING** to encourage women’s full access to and ability to benefit from this Agreement and support equitable participation in international trade and investment;

**SUPPORTING** the growth and development of small and medium-sized enterprises by enhancing their ability to participate in and benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement;

**NOTING** the importance of facilitating new opportunities for businesses and consumers through digital trade, and addressing unjustified barriers to data flows and trade enabled by electronic means; and

**RESOLVING** to promote transparency, good governance, the rule of law, and prevent and combat bribery and corruption in international trade and investment,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows: