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Article 1

General

The Parties recognise:

- (a) the economic growth and opportunities that electronic commerce in goods and services provides in particular for businesses and consumers as well as the potential for enhancing international trade;
- (b) the importance of avoiding barriers to the use and development of electronic commerce in goods and services; and
- (c) the need to create an environment of trust and confidence for users of electronic commerce which covers, *inter alia*:
 - (i) protection of privacy of individuals in relation to the processing and dissemination of personal data;
 - (ii) protection of confidentiality of individual records and accounts;
 - (iii) measures to prevent and fight deceptive and fraudulent practices or to deal with the effects of a default on contracts:
 - (iv) measures against unsolicited communications; and
 - (v) protection of public morals and young generations.

Article 2

Customs Duties

The Parties confirm their current practice under the terms of the decision of 17 December 2011 of the WTO Ministerial Conference¹ of not imposing customs duties on electronic transmissions.

WT/L/843 dated 19 December 2011.

Article 3

Exchange of Information

- 1. The Parties affirm their intent to pursue efforts, as appropriate, to increase cooperation in promoting electronic commerce between them and to strengthen the multilateral trading system.
- 2. The Parties will exchange information in the area of electronic commerce. That may include information on legislative processes, on recent developments, on their respective activities in international *fora*, and on possible ways of cooperation.

Article 4

Organisation

- 1. The following authorities shall be responsible for the coordination of the exchange of information:
 - (a) for the Republic of Costa Rica, the *Ministerio de Comercio Exterior*;
 - (b) for the Republic of Panamá, the *Ministerio de Comercio e Industrias*;
 - (c) for Iceland, the Ministry for the Foreign Affairs and External Trade;
 - (d) for the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Office for Foreign Affairs;
 - (e) for the Kingdom of Norway, the Ministry of Trade and Industry; and
 - (f) for the Swiss Confederation, the Secrétariat d'Etat à l'économie.
- 2. The Parties may work together on the provisions referred to in Article 3 through any appropriate means available to them.