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TEMPORARY ENTRY FOR INVESTMENT PERSONS

This provision shall apply to measures that affect the temporary entry of natural persons of a Member, engaging in the conduct of investment activities with another Member.

This provision shall not apply to measures affecting natural persons seeking access to the employment market of a Member, nor shall it apply to measures regarding nationality, residence or employment on a permanent basis.

Temporary entry means entry into the territory of a Member by a natural person of another Member who does not intend to establish permanent residence.

Immigration formality means a visa, permit, pass or other document or electronic authority granting temporary entry.

- 1. Each Member shall promptly publish, online where possible, information on current requirements for temporary entry under this provision, including explanatory materials, relevant forms and documents, that will enable interested persons of the other Members to become acquainted with those requirements;
- 2. Each Member shall expeditiously process application concerning temporary entry under this provision within a reasonable timeframe, including extension application thereof;
- 3. At the request of an applicant, a Member that has received a completed application for an immigration formality shall endeavour to inform the applicant the status of the application;
- 4. Each Member shall ensure application fees in respect of temporary entry under this provision are reasonable, in that they do not unduly impair or delay the conduct of investment activities.