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To whom it may concern:

Re: Engineers Canada's comments on the free trade agreement negotiations with the United Kingdom and its possible accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the bilateral free trade agreement negotiations with the United Kingdom and for the United Kingdom's potentially joining the CPTPP.

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and that license the country's more than 300,000 members of the engineering profession. Engineering is a regulated profession in Canada with engineering regulators established through acts of the provinces and territories. Engineers Canada exists to support the provincial and territorial engineering regulators, especially in coordinating their activities with the federal government. Together, we work to advance engineering in the public interest.

Globalization and advances in international trade and business have undoubtedly strengthened trade relations and have resulted in an increased need for engineers to have their credentials recognized around the world.

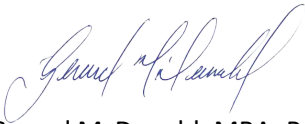
Engineers drive much of Canada's economy. Natural resources, manufacturing, transportation, infrastructure, technology, and a vast array of other sectors rely on the capability of engineers. As one of the top five exporters of engineering services worldwide, the expertise of Canada's engineers contributes to both Canadian and international economies.

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The international labour mobility of engineers will be important for not only Canada's economy, but also for the United Kingdom's. Canada and the United Kingdom are both signatories to the International Professional Engineers Agreement, a multilateral international competence benchmark which may expedite recognition of qualified engineers from signatory countries. While the international mobility of engineers should be facilitated so that Canada can leverage the benefits of the globalization of engineering services, it is also essential that licensure and the regulation of engineers operate effectively to maintain the high ethics, qualifications, and practice standards that define the engineering profession in Canada.

We thank Global Affairs Canada for the opportunity to provide feedback. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the issue further, representatives from our organization would be happy to speak with you. If you need more information regarding this submission, or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact Joey Taylor, Manager of Public Affairs, at 613.232.2474 ext. 213 or at joey.taylor@engineerscanada.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerard McDonald".

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