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Re: Engineers Canada’s comments on the future accession negotiations of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the possible accession of new members to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country’s 295,000 professional engineers. 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.

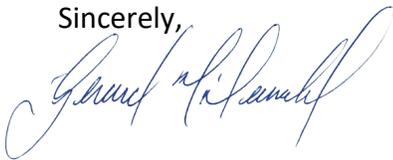
Engineers drive much of Canada’s economy. Natural resources, manufacturing, transportation, infrastructure, technology, and a vast array of other sectors rely on the capability of engineers. As one of the top five exporters of engineering services worldwide, the expertise of Canada’s engineers contributes to both Canadian and international economies. At the same time, interprovincial mobility, the inclusion of diverse engineers, and immigration are key to ensuring that engineering positions in Canada are filled with qualified individuals, especially as Canada’s population ages and a large cohort of engineers retires from the workforce.

There is thus a need for engineers to have their qualifications recognized around the world—the international mobility of engineers will be important for not only Canada’s economy, but for the CPTPP countries as well. But 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. The public must continue to be confident that professional engineers, regardless of where they received their degree or their work experience, have the right education and skills to practise engineering in Canada with competence and integrity.

Once again, we thank Global Affairs Canada for the opportunity to provide feedback and we look forward to continued discussion on this important initiative. 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,



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