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# **PREAMBLE**

The Governments of New Zealand and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("Hong Kong, China"), hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties":

**Conscious** of their longstanding friendship and growing economic, trade and investment relationship;

**Believing** that open, transparent and competitive markets are the key drivers of economic efficiency, innovation, wealth creation and consumer welfare;

**Considering** that electronic commerce, information technologies and knowledge-based industries are supporting the rapid integration of global economic activity and development and expansion of their economies;

**Recognising** the importance of ongoing liberalisation of trade in goods and services at the multilateral level;

**Aware** of the growing importance of trade and investment for the economies of the Asia-Pacific region;

**Confirming** their rights, obligations and undertakings under the *WTO Agreement* and other multilateral, regional and bilateral agreements and arrangements;

**Confirming** their support for the efforts of all APEC economies to meet the APEC goal of free and open trade and investment:

**Recognising** their commitment to securing trade liberalisation, the removal of barriers to trade in goods and services and investment flows and an outward-looking approach to trade and investment;