Decision by the Commission of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership regarding the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the CPTPP

The Commission of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (Commission):

TAKING NOTE of the *Decision by the Commission of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership regarding the United Kingdom's Formal Request to Commence the Accession Process*, adopted on 2 June 2021, CPTPP/COM/2021/D001,

HAVING REGARD to Article 5 (Accession) of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership*, done at Santiago on 8 March 2018 (CPTPP), Article 27.2 (Functions of the Commission) and Article 27.3 (Decision-Making) of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement*, done at Auckland on 4 February 2016 that are incorporated, by reference, into and made part of the CPTPP *mutatis mutandis* and paragraph 4.1 of the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Accession Process*, annexed to the *Decision by the Commission of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership regarding Accession Process of the CPTPP*, adopted on 19 January 2019, CPTPP/COM/2019/D002 (CPTPP Accession Process),

TAKING NOTE of the Report of the Accession Working Group for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (the CPTPP) to the Commission in document CPTPP/AWGUK/2023/R001, dated 14 July 2023,

NOTING the results of the negotiations of the terms and conditions for the accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom) to the CPTPP, and

HAVING REGARD to the attached *Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (Protocol), containing the proposed terms and conditions for the accession of the United Kingdom to the CPTPP,

DECIDES to:

APPROVE the terms and conditions for the accession of the United Kingdom to the CPTPP in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the CPTPP Accession Process,

INVITE each Party to the CPTPP and the United Kingdom to sign the Protocol,

INVITE the United Kingdom to accept the Protocol no later than 12 months after the date of signature of the Protocol, which may be subject to extension by a decision of the Commission,

by depositing an instrument of accession to the CPTPP with the Depositary indicating in writing that it accepts the Protocol, and

REQUEST each Party to the CPTPP to notify the Depositary in writing when it has completed its applicable legal procedures for entry into force of the Protocol.