

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON COSTA RICA'S ACCESSION PROCESS TO THE CPTPP

1. Ministers of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam, Parties of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), and Costa Rica welcomed the substantial conclusion of the negotiations for the accession of Costa Rica to the CPTPP.
2. The Accession Working Group (AWG) and Costa Rica confirmed the means by which Costa Rica will comply with the existing rules contained in the CPTPP. The AWG also confirmed that Costa Rica has provided commercially meaningful market access offers of the highest standard on goods, services, investment, financial services, government procurement, state-owned enterprises and temporary entry for business persons. The CPTPP Parties have confirmed or submitted, respectively, their market access commitments to Costa Rica.
3. The AWG will continue working with Costa Rica to prepare and verify the legal instrument of accession, with the aim of formalising the conclusion of the process in a timely manner, consistent with the CPTPP Accession Process and the domestic procedures of each CPTPP Party and Costa Rica.
4. The CPTPP Parties and Costa Rica are committed in further promoting free trade, open and competitive markets, the rules-based trading system and economic integration in the region and beyond.