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Proposed Work Plan for the Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure FotC Group

Purpose: Consideration
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Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure (SELI) Proposed Work Plan

Name of the FotC: Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure ("SELI")

Coordinating Economy: Hong Kong, China

Membership Principles: All member economies are invited to nominate designated legal advisors or officials with legal background from relevant authorities or agencies.

Objectives:

1. To raise awareness of the role and importance of legal infrastructure for economic developments;
2. To promote understanding of relevant international standards and international instruments useful for strengthening the economic and legal infrastructure of member economies; and
3. To identify areas for technical cooperation and capacity building among APEC member economies.

Scope of operation:

1. SELI is to serve as a network of focal points for relevant legal advisors and officials:
 - (i) To exchange information on legal infrastructure relevant to economic developments (including sharing of their law and practice in the relevant fields);
 - (ii) To develop and enhance in-depth understanding of international economic law including relevant international instruments such as the Hague Conventions and UNCITRAL instruments;
 - (iii) To share experiences and expertise on activities relevant to the implementation of these international instruments and to develop good practice guides in specific legal areas;
 - (iv) To identify areas for capacity building and technical cooperation on the implementation of international instruments or improvement to legal infrastructure essential to economic developments;
 - (v) To examine, when possible, the importance of legal infrastructure on trade and investment flows;
 - (vi) To develop and review appropriate action plans, when necessary; and
 - (vii) To do outreach and public relations to APEC Stakeholders on the achievements of the group as and when appropriate.
2. In collaborating with other relevant APEC fora and the legal sector in member economies, SELI will serve as a forum:
 - (i) To coordinate and discuss as appropriate the implementation of cooperative initiatives such as but not limited to Structural Reform with other relevant APEC fora (including other FotCs) and relevant international organizations;
 - (ii) To report progress and outcomes of each cooperative initiative to the EC, and when necessary make recommendations thereto; and
 - (iii) To invite when appropriate other relevant APEC fora, and/or other relevant experts to participate in/or observe the group's activities.