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Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

12 February 2018

The Honourable Mr. Eduardo Ferreyros Küppers  
Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism  
Peru

Dear Minister

In connection with the signing on this date of the Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement (“PAFTA”), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of Australia and the Government of Peru:

Recognising the different systems that Australia and Peru have regarding the recognition of higher education qualifications, and in accordance with Article 9.9 (Recognition) of PAFTA, the Government of Australia and the Government of Peru mutually decide to maintain a dialogue with the aim of facilitating the supply of professional services between Australia and Peru.

Pursuant to Annex 9-A (Professional Services), the Government of Australia and the Government of Peru are committed to working towards the facilitation of the supply of professional services between Australia and Peru through cooperation on recognition, including through the Professional Services Working Group.

Recognising the important number of Peruvian graduates from Australian universities and the willingness of its competent authority to recognise the education obtained in the territory of Australia, Peru will encourage its competent authority to recognise, in accordance with its laws and regulations, Australian higher education qualifications.

Recognising the willingness of Australia to strengthen the trade in professional services, Australia will encourage its competent authorities to actively participate, in accordance with Annex 9-A (Professional Services), in the Professional Services Working Group towards the facilitation of the supply of Peruvian professional services in Australia.

I look forward to your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding.

Yours sincerely

**Steven Ciobo**

12 February 2018

The Honourable Mr. Steven Ciobo  
Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment  
Australia

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of 12 February 2018, which reads as follows:

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I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the agreement reached between the Government of Peru and the Government of Australia during the course of negotiations on PAFTA, and your Note and this Note of confirmation in reply, both equally authentic in the Spanish and English languages, shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Peru and the Government of Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Eduardo Ferreyros Küppers  
Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism