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For greater certainty, the Governments of the EFTA States and the Government of Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") hereby confirm the following common understandings relating to the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement between the EFTA States and the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement").

With regard to Article 15 (Undisclosed Information) of Annex 8.A (Protection of Intellectual Property) of the Agreement, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

In implementing Article 15, Parties agree to enter into consultations, one year after entry into force of this agreement, to discuss issues relating to protection of undisclosed information from unfair commercial use.

This Record of Understanding shall form an integral part of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Record of Understanding.

Done at New Delhi, India this 10th day of March in 2024, in two originals in English, which shall be deposited with the Depositary, who shall transmit certified copies to all the Parties.

For the Government of Iceland

For the Government of the Republic of India

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