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Draft International Convention on the Protection of the Rights
of All Migrant Workers and Their Families

Proposal by Australia for new sub-paragraph of article 2.2

"(h) the term 'specific employment worker' refers to a person who has been admitted to a State of employment for a designated period of time to occupy a specific employment position or to undertake specific work."

Explanatory note

Australia considers that the definition of project-tied worker omits an important category of workers who are not admitted to a State of employment to work on a project however this may be defined, but rather are admitted to work in a specific position or to undertake specific employment not related to a project. In our understanding "project" has specific connotations and does not cover wider specific employment possibilities applying in many countries. In the interests of comprehensive coverage, Australia considers that "specific employment workers" should be covered and should be treated in Part IV of the Convention by provisions similar to those applying to project-tied workers.