WASHINGTON, DC (July 14, 2017) – Today, the Treasury Department and the United States Trade Representative issued a public notice of intent to sign the Covered Agreement with the European Union. The actual signing date is still being determined. Tracey Laws, senior vice president and general counsel of the Reinsurance Association of America, commented, “The reinsurance industry applauds this Agreement as it provides regulatory certainty for U.S. and EU companies conducting business in both jurisdictions.”

The Covered Agreement eliminates collateral and local presence requirements for qualified reinsurers and it meaningfully streamlines group supervision requirements for insurers and reinsurers operating in both jurisdictions. Without a signed Agreement, U.S. companies would have been unable to renew or write new business in the EU without first establishing a local presence in each EU Member State in which they intend to write business.

Frank Nutter, president of the Reinsurance Association of America, said, "We thank the many individuals in the federal and state government who worked tirelessly during the past two years to advance this important initiative. The Covered Agreement enhances the ability of U.S. companies to do business in the EU. The U.S. and European Union are establishing a model of regulatory cooperation that other jurisdictions should follow.”

The Reinsurance Association of America is the leading trade association of property and casualty reinsurers doing business in the United States. RAA membership is diverse, including reinsurance underwriters and intermediaries licensed in the U.S. and those that conduct business on a cross-border basis. The RAA represents its members before state, federal and international bodies.