



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy  
11th Session, 19 to 21 July 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

**Round table on the "Review of the experience gained so far in enforcement cooperation, including at the regional level"<sup>1</sup>**

**Thursday, 21 July 2011 (10:00 - 13:00)  
Room XII (third floor)**

Accelerating globalisation over the last few decades has expanded the geographical scope of business activities and of competition. In many markets, foreign-based firms compete effectively against each other. However, also the reach of anticompetitive conduct has expanded and it can have cross border effects. A purely domestic focus of antitrust policy is therefore no longer sufficient. The international community has tried and tested various approaches to effectively cooperate and address antitrust issues with a global dimension. Of late, significant progress has been made particularly among developed nations in relation to case-specific cooperation in international cartel investigations and cross-border merger reviews.

This session examines the experiences gained so far in competition law enforcement cooperation focussing on cooperation in international cartel investigations and cross-border merger reviews. The roundtable will discuss approaches taken to harmonise competition enforcement practice and share information and best practice in order to effectively investigate market activities involving transnational elements.

Related questions to be discussed during this session include:

1. *How can greater cooperation be encouraged among developing countries?*
2. *Are binding multilaterally agreed rules on competition realistic in the near future?*
3. *How can we level the playing field between developed and developing countries when it comes to the benefits of competition cooperation?*
4. *How can regional agreements be used to better effect than they currently are to engender greater cooperation?*
5. *Should terms of cooperation in the area of competition law be mandated in bilateral trade agreements?*

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<sup>1</sup> UNCTAD (2011), Review of the experience gained so far in enforcement cooperation, including at the regional level (TD/B/C.I/CLP/10).

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### WORK PROGRAMME

- 10.00 - 10.10**                      **Opening presentation by UNCTAD secretariat**
- 10:10 - 10:30**                      **Keynote speech**
- **Mr. Sam Pieters**, *European Commission*
- 10:30 - 12:00**                      **Panel discussion**
- **Mr. Spencer Waller**, Professor and Director, Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies, Loyola University Chicago;
  - **Mr. Anatoly Golomolzin**, FAS Russia;
  - **Mr. Russell Damtoft**, US Federal Trade Commission;
  - **Ms. Alessandra Tonazzi**, Italian Competition Authority;
  - **Mr. Marc Hansen**, Antitrust private practitioner, Latham & Watkins; and
  - **Mr. Ariel Ezrachi**, Director of the University of Oxford Centre for Competition Law and Policy and the Slaughter and May Lecturer in Competition Law at the University of Oxford.
- 12:00 - 13:00**                      **Interactive debate**
- The panel discussion will be followed by an interactive debate including interventions by
- *COMESA*
  - *South Korea*
  - *Chile (tbc)*
  - *Colombia (tbc)*
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*Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the Secretariat accordingly by contacting Ulla Schwager at [ulla.schwager@unctad.org](mailto:ulla.schwager@unctad.org).*