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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am happy to cordially invite you to the **Third Workshop of the Euro-Mediterranean Competition Forum (EMCF)** to be held in Geneva on July 10, 2014, in the margins of UNCTAD's XIV Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). During the meeting, which will take place from 14:30 to 17:30 in Room XXVI of the *Palais des Nations*, the issue of the **Independence and Accountability of Competition Authorities** will be analysed.

The EMCF is an informal network born in Rabat in November 2012 which seeks to enhance cooperation on Competition matters in the Mediterranean region. The First EMCF Workshop was organized in the margins of the XIII session of the IGE on the 11th of July 2013 and focused on Competition Advocacy¹. The Second EMCF Workshop was held in Tunis on the 28th and 29th of November 2013 and dealt with the Relationship between Competition Authorities and Sector Regulators².

As you will see in the attached agenda for the Third EMCF Workshop, it has been structured in four parts. There will be an Opening session, with brief interventions by Mr Hassan Qaqaya (Head of the Competition and Consumer Protection Policies Branch at UNCTAD) and Mr Abdelali Benamour (Head of the Moroccan Competition Authority), followed by an Introductory session by Mr Jacques Steenberg (Head of the Belgian Competition Authority) and Ms Eleanor Fox (Professor at New York University). Then there will be some time for debate and experience sharing, where the active participation of representatives of Competition Authorities and also NGAs is very much encouraged. Finally, Mr Theodor Thanner (Head of the Austrian Competition Authority) will moderate a short session on the future work of the EMCF. Please note that interpretation English<>French will be provided.

I hope the meeting will be of interest to you and thus look forward to receiving you in Geneva on the 10th of July.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hassan Qaqaya'.

Hassan Qaqaya
Head

Competition and Consumer Protection Policies Branch of UNCTAD

¹ For more information see <http://unctad.org/en/pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=348>

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