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Main areas of work of the IGE

Content:

1. Intergovernmental deliberations during the IGEs;
2. UNCTAD peer reviews;
3. Policy research Platform (RPP);
5. Cooperation with other International organisations, private sector and civil society

Methods of work

The Mandate is organised around four cluster of issues:

1. The relationship between Competition policy and development;
2. Effectiveness of competition agencies;
3. International Cooperation;
4. Capacity building including Peer reviews.
Topics discussed

- Foundations of an effective competition agency
- The importance of coherence between competition and government policies
- Review of the experience gained so far in enforcement cooperation, including at the regional level
- Consultations on the Model Law
- Effectiveness of capacity building extended to young competition agencies
- Peer review of Serbian competition law and policy
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Topics discussed

• Competition policy and public procurement;
• Knowledge and human resource management for effective competition law enforcement;
• Cross-border anti-competitive practices: The challenges for developing countries and economies in transition;
• Discussion of revised chapter III (Restrictive agreements and arrangements) and chapter VIII (Some possible aspects of consumer protection) of the UNCTAD Model Law on Competition Legislation;
• Tripartite peer review of competition law and policy in the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
• Peer review of competition law and policy in Mongolia;
Findings and recommendations

Recommendations to Competition agencies:

- Competition policy during times of economic difficulties is part of the solution not the problem;
- The importance of applying competition policy to State Owned enterprises to avoid waste;
- The importance of ensuring coherence between competition and other economic policies;
- The need to take into account public and consumer interests when applying competition law;
- The need to enhance cooperation in addressing cross border cartels, abuse of dominance and other anti-competitive conducts;
- The importance of ensuring that Anti-competitive practices do not negate the benefits of trade and investment liberalisation.
Findings and recommendations

Recommendations to Competition agencies:

- Peer reviews recommendations should be used as need assessment for capacity building;
- Countries should continue to learn from each others and exchange best practices;
- UNCTAD should monitor and report on the implementations of peer review findings and recommendations
- UNCTAD should continue to cooperate with other relevant international organisations
- UNCTAD should continue to disseminate the IGE recommendations including through peer reviews and capacity building