Argentina is in the process of reforming its competition regime. The purpose of this peer review is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in Argentina and to draw lessons from past experiences with a view to improving competition law enforcement in the country. In this context, the Argentine National Commission for the Defence of Competition (CNDC) volunteered to participate in a Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy organized by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by CNDC of Argentina, the competition expert, Mr. Luis Berenguer, examined the status of competition law and policy in Argentina and prepared the peer review report including recommendations.¹

This report will serve as a basis for the peer review examination during the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). The review panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of Italy, Brazil and United States. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. The peer review will be interactive and provide the Argentine competition authority with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law enforcement.

UNCTAD used the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report in designing a tailor-made technical assistance project to reinforce the effectiveness of competition law enforcement in Argentina. UNCTAD would like to invite development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Argentina

Friday, 7 July 2017 (10:00 - 13:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)

WORK PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:05  Introduction by the UNCTAD Secretariat

10:05 - 10:10  Introduction of the peer review panel by its Chair
Dr. Maria João Melícias, Member of the Board, Portuguese Competition Authority

Peer reviewers
- Ms. Alessandra Tonazzi, Director, Directorate of International and European Affairs, Italian Competition Authority, Italy
- Mr. Paulo Burnier da Silveira, Commissioner, Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil
- Mr. Russell Damtoft, Associate Director, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, United States

Part I

10:10 - 10:30  Presentation of the peer review report of Argentina
Mr. Luis Berenguer, Consultant, UNCTAD

10:30 - 10:50  Statement by the Head of the Argentine Delegation
Mr. Esteban Greco, Chairman, National Commission for the Defence of Competition (CNDC), Argentina

10:50 - 12:00  Questions and answers
Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers, to be answered by:
Mr. Esteban Greco, Chairman, CNDC, Argentina

Part II

12:00 - 12:30  Interactive session
This Session will allow the CNDC to seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.

Part III

12:30 - 12:45  The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD of capacity building activities to assist CNDC in strengthening its competition law enforcement

12:45 - 13:00  Wrap-up by the Chair of the peer review panel
Closing remarks by Mr. Esteban Greco, Chairman, CNDC, Argentina

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Juan Luis Crucelegui (juanluis.crucelegui@unctad.org) or Ms. Valentina Rivas (valentina.rivas@unctad.org).