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Tripartite Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania¹

Monday, 9th July (11:30 - 18:00) Room XIX (third floor)

Zambia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe have undertaken significant reforms of their competition law regime in the past few years. The purpose of the tripartite peer review is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experiences in the three jurisdictions; draw lessons and best practices from each jurisdiction, and examine the value added of the harmonization of competition law under the regional groupings, they are members of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and East Africa Community(EAC) as well as increased co-operation between the regional groupings on Competition matters. In this context, the Competition agencies of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania volunteered to participate in a Peer Review of their Competition Laws and Policies organised by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by the Competition and Tariff Commission (CTC), Zimbabwe; The Competition & Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC), Zambia; Fair Competition Commission, Tanzania, competition experts, Allan Mlulla, Director of Research, Mergers and Advocacy, Fair Competition Commission, Tanzania, Alex Kububa, Director, Competition and Tariff Commission, Zimbabwe and Thulasoni Kaira, Chief Executive and Secretary to the Botswana Competition Commission assessed the state of competition law and policy in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania and prepared three reports, one for each country. Alberto Heimler, Central Director for Research and International Affairs at the Italian Competition Authority prepared the Comparative Assessment report for the three countries.

These reports will serve as a basis for the peer review examination during the 12th IGE. The examination panel will include representatives of other competition authorities. In addition, speakers from the floor will be invited to contribute to the discussions. The peer review will be interactive, and it will provide the three competition authorities with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from experiences of other competition authorities in the implementation of competition policies.

The findings and policy recommendations of the peer review will be used to design tailor-made technical assistance activities to reinforce the effectiveness of competition law enforcement in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania. Development agencies, technical assistance providers, bilateral donors and multi-lateral and international organizations are invited to support the respective technical assistance activities.

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¹ Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania (UNCTAD/DITC/CLP/2012/1).

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| Part I | |
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| 11:30 - 11:35 | Introduction by the UNCTAD Secretariat |
| 11:35 - 11:40 | Introduction of the review panel by its Chair: |
| | Dr. Sean Ennis, CEO, Competition Commission of Mauritius |
| | Panellists: |
| | Mr. George Lipimile, CEO, COMESA Competition Commission |
| | Mr. Simon Roberts, South Africa Competition Commission |
| | Mr. Russell Damtoft, Associate Director, Office of International Affairs, United States of America Federal Trade Commission |
| | Mr. David Ong'olo, Chairman, Competition Authority of Kenya |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Tanzania by |
| | Mr. Thulasoni Kaira |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Zambia by |
| | Mr. Alex Kububa |
| 12:20 - 12:40 | Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Zimbabwe by |
| | Mr. Allan Mlulla |
| 12:40 - 13:00 | Presentation of the Comparative Assessment Report by |
| | Mr. Albert Heimler |
| 13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch break |
| 15:00 - 15:10 | Statement by the Tanzanian delegation headed by |
| | His Excellency, Dr. Abdallah Omar Kigoda, Minister of Industry and Marketing, and |
| | Mr. Nikubuka Shimwela, Chairman, Fair Competition Commission. |
| 15:10 - 15:20 | Statement by the Zambian delegation headed by |
| | His Excellency, Honourable, Keith Mukata, Deputy |

| | Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, |
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| | and |
| | Mr. Chilufya P. Sampa, Executive Director, Zambia |
| | Competition & Consumer Protection Commission. |
| 15:20 - 15:30 | Statement by the Zimbabwean delegation headed by |
| | His Excellency, Professor Welshman Ncube, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and |
| | Mr. Alex Kububa, Director, Competition and Tariff Commission. |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | Questions and Answers: Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers from the floor to be answered by the peer reviewed countries. |
| | Part II |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Interactive Session: This Part will allow the peer reviewed countries to seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review reports. Speakers will include delegates from: Germany; European Union; Namibia; South Africa; and United States of America. |
| Part III | |
| 17:30 - 17:45 | The way forward: Presentation of the technical assistance project proposal by UNCTAD to assist the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe in strengthening their competition law and policy implementation. |
| 17:45 - 18:00 | Wrap-up by the Chair of the peer review followed by closing remarks of the heads of delegations of the United Republic of Tanzania; Zambia and Zimbabwe. |
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