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# Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Paraguay

Technical assistance project to  
implement peer  
review recommendations

Thursday 6 July 2023  
15:00–17:00, Room XIX





# 1. Peer review recommendations

- **Recommendations to the Government and Parliament**
  - Substantive law reform: *per se* conducts, list of abuses, leniency program
  - Procedural changes: separation between the pre-trial and the decision phases, extending the time limit for investigations, increased budget
  - Operational changes: electricity sector; limitation period; advocacy powers; sanctions
- **Recommendations to CONACOM**
  - Guidance on merger control and sectoral studies (transport)
  - Advocacy activities
  - Relations with sectoral regulators, consumer protection and public procurement agencies
  - Collaboration with the judiciary



## 2. Objectives of the technical assistance proposed

- To improve legal and institutional frameworks for competition in areas pointed out by the peer review report
- To sensitize stakeholders, including the business community and sectoral regulators on the importance and benefits of competition law enforcement and to improve public policies that have an impact on the functioning of markets
- To assist Paraguay in developing appropriate enforcement tools and resources



## 3. Technical assistance proposed

- Review the Competition Law and prepare proposed amendments based on the recommendations of the PR
- Build human and institutional capacity to improve competition enforcement and advocacy through training and collaboration agreements with other official bodies (regulators, public agencies and judiciary)



## 4. Dissemination activities

- December 2023 (tbc)
- Meetings with Parliamentary committees
- Meetings with Government ministries
- Meeting with the private sector
- Meeting with the judiciary
- Meeting with liberal professionals



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Thank you

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