



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
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Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Pakistan¹

Monday, 8 July (15:00 - 18:00)

Room XVIII

Palais des Nations

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Pakistan has implemented considerable reforms in its competition law regime in the past decade. The purpose of the Peer Review is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in Pakistan and to draw lessons from past experiences with a view to improving competition law enforcement in the country. In this context, the Pakistan Competition Commission volunteered to participate in a Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy organised by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by the Competition Commission of Pakistan, the competition experts, Fernando Furlan, former Head of the Brazil's Council for Economic Defence, Orcun Senyücel, Head of Supervision and Enforcement Department No IV at the Turkish Competition Authority and Bill Kovacic, Professor of Law at George Washington University, assessed the state of competition law and policy in Pakistan and prepared the Peer Review Report.

This report will serve as a basis for the Peer Review examination during the 13th session of the 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 will provide the Pakistan competition authority with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in the implementation of competition law and policy.

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 Pakistan. Development agencies, technical assistance providers, bilateral donors and international organizations are invited to support the respective technical assistance activities.

¹ Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Pakistan
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15:00 - 15:05	Introduction by the UNCTAD Secretariat
15:05 - 15:10	Introduction of the Review Panel by its Chair <i>Mr. Bruno Lasserre, Président, Autorité de Concurrence de la France</i> Panellists: <i>Mr. Manuel Sebastião, President, Autoridade da Concorrência, Portugal</i> <i>Mr. Muhammad Nawir Messji, Chairman, KPPU, Indonesia</i> <i>Mr. Richard Fleming, Deputy General Manager, Enforcement and Compliance Division, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission</i> <i>Mr. Ryohei Takai, Senior Planning Officer, International Affairs Division, Japan Fair Trade Commission</i>
Part I	
15:10 - 15:30	Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Pakistan by <i>Fernando Furlan, Orcun Senyücel</i> and <i>Bill Kovacic</i>
15:30 - 15:50	Statement by the Head of Pakistan Delegation <i>Rahat Hassan, Chairperson, CCP</i>
15:50 - 17:00	Questions and Answers: Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers from the floor to be answered by: Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP).
Part II	
17:00 - 17:30	Interactive Session: In this Session the CCP will seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.
Part III	
17:30 - 17:45	The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD of capacity building activities to assist CCP implement the recommendations and strengthening its competition law enforcement
17:45 - 18:00	Wrap-up by the Chair of the Peer Review panel Closing remarks by <i>Rahat Hassan, Chairperson, CCP</i>
18:15 - 19:45	Cocktail Reception