



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

Fifteenth session, 19–21 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy: Uruguay

**Thursday, 20 October 2016 (3–6 p.m.)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (first floor)**

The purpose of a voluntary peer review of competition law and policy is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in a country and to draw lessons from past experiences, with a view to improving competition law enforcement in the country.

Uruguay has implemented considerable reforms in its competition law regime in the past decade. In this context, the Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition of Uruguay volunteered to participate in a peer review of competition law and policy organized by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by the Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition, the competition expert, Ms. Pamela Sittenfeld, assessed the state of competition law and policy in Uruguay and prepared a peer review report (*Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Uruguay* (TD/B/C.I/CLP/41)).

This report will serve as the basis for the peer review examination to be conducted during the fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy. The examination panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of Mexico, Peru and Spain. In addition, speakers will be invited to contribute to the discussions. The peer review will be interactive, and will provide the competition authority of Uruguay 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 Uruguay. Development agencies, technical assistance providers, bilateral donors and international organizations are invited to support the respective technical assistance activities.

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Work programme

3–3.05 p.m.

Introduction by UNCTAD secretariat

3.05–3.10

Introduction of peer review panel by its Chair

p.m.

Mr. Francis W. Kariuki, Director General, Competition Authority, Kenya

Peer reviewers

- Ms. Paola Gonzalez, Assistant Deputy Director, International Affairs Department, National Competition Authority, Spain.
- Mr. Benjamín Contreras Astiazarán, Commissioner, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico
- Ms. Giovanna Hurtado, Director, National School, National Institute for the Defence of Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property, Peru

Part I

3.10–

Presentation of peer review report

3.30 p.m.

Ms. Pamela Sittenfeld, Consultant, UNCTAD

3.30–3.50

Statement by delegation of Uruguay

p.m.

Mr. Gustavo Vanerio, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the World Trade Organization

Ms. Adriana Riccardi, Chair, Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition, Uruguay

3.50–5 p.m.

Questions and answers

Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers, to be answered by

Ms. Adriana Riccardi, Chair, and Ms. Luciana Macedo, Commissioner, Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition, Uruguay

Part II

5–5.30 p.m.

Interactive session

To allow the Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition to seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report

Part III

5.30–

The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD

5.45 p.m.

Capacity-building activities to assist the Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition in strengthening its competition law enforcement

5.45–6 p.m.

Wrap-up by Chair of peer review panel

Closing remarks by Ms. Adriana Riccardi, Chair, Commission for the Promotion and Defence of Competition, Uruguay

6.15–

Cocktail reception

7.45 p.m.

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Pierre Horna (pierre.horna@unctad.org).