



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
21st Session, 5 - 7 July 2023, Geneva, Switzerland and online

Voluntary Peer Review on Competition Law and Policy: Paraguay

Thursday, 6 July 2023 (15:00 - 17:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor) and online

The purpose of this year's UNCTAD voluntary peer review exercise is to assess the competition legal framework and enforcement experience of Paraguay, which adopted its competition regime in 2013, and established a fully-fledged competition authority. Furthermore, it seeks to identify areas for improvement of the legal and institutional framework thereby contributing to enhancing the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of competition law and policy in the country.

The expert report drafted will serve as a basis for the peer review examination during the twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). The review panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of Brazil, Republic of Korea and Spain. In addition, delegates will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion from the floor.

The peer review will provide the competition authority of Paraguay (Conacom) with an invaluable opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law and policy. UNCTAD will use the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report to design a technical assistance project to strengthen the competition regime in Paraguay. UNCTAD wishes to invite development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 15:00 - 15:10 **Statement by Mr. Rolando Diaz, President of the National Competition Commission - Conacom, Paraguay**
- 15:10 - 15:30 **Presentation of the peer review report of Paraguay**
- Mr. Enrique Vergara Vial, Consultant, UNCTAD
- 15:30 - 16:20 **Interactive session with peer reviewers**
- Ms. Cani Fernandez Vicien, President, National Markets and Competition Commission, Spain
 - Mr. Alexandre Cordeiro Macedo, President, Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil
 - Mr. Sung Keun Kim, Director, Korea Fair Trade Commission, Republic of Korea
- Questions** to be answered by Mr. Rolando Diaz, President of the National Competition Commission - Conacom, Paraguay
- 16:20 - 16:50 **Interactive debate**
This session will allow Paraguay to interact with peer Competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report and to participants to pose questions to Paraguay.
- 16:50 - 16:55 **Presentation by the Secretariat of the technical cooperation project proposal to implement the peer review recommendations.**
- 17:00 **Closing**

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