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UNCTAD WG Cross-Border Cartels

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for approving the Secretariat's proposal for me to serve as the Academic Coordinator of the Working Group. It is truly an honour. In this role, I will aim to offer additional insights and focus, drawing on my chain of enforcement theory, to stimulate our exchange of knowledge and good practices.

With this in mind, I would like to encourage Members to share their experiences and practices related to cross-border cases—particularly those where pre-existing challenges were overcome or where novel situations arose. These need not necessarily be the most recent cases. Additionally, any enforcement practices that have proven particularly helpful in cross-border scenarios would be valuable. To clarify: such practices may focus on a single element of the chain of enforcement. For example, they could address questions such as: How do you learn of a new cross-border case? How do you weigh the pros and cons of taking action? How do you liaise with foreign counterparts, etc.?

As we discussed in our recent meeting, we may also explore hypothetical scenarios. To make this exercise as useful as possible for all Members, I would encourage and welcome suggestions for specific aspects of cross-border cases (such as particular steps in the chain of enforcement) that colleagues would like us to focus on.

An early indication of any potential input on these matters, preferably before the end of the year, would be most helpful in preparation for our next meeting. Please, pass it on directly to the Secretariat, as per the usual practice.

With kind regards,

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