Report of the informal Working Group on Cross-Border Cartels

Thursday, 4 July 2024
17:30-18:00, Room XIX
1. Background and Discussions in the WG on CBCs

- The 21st session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy (July 2023)
  - Renewed the mandate of the Working Group on Cross Border Cartels including bid rigging

- 30 November 2023 – Kick-off meeting
- 29 February 2024 – Cases by Austria and Egypt
- 25 April 2024 – Cases by El Salvador, Switzerland, United States and Armenia
2. Lessons Learnt

- Sharing the cartel detection and investigation methods developed by each authority including for bid rigging
- Emphasized the importance of cooperation between authorities and countries to effectively counter cartels
- Illustrated several procedural problems that can arise in bid rigging investigations
3. Recommendations

- Continue to discuss on practical case studies provided by member states not only cross-border cartels but bid rigging cases
- Further disseminate and raise awareness of the UN Trade and Development Guiding Policies and Procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition (GPP)
- Enhance international cooperation to deal with cross-border cartels and bid rigging including formal and informal cooperation between authorities
Thank you!

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