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International experiences and best practices in competition law enforcement against cross-border cartels

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3 meetings held

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6 cases discussed

united almost 50 competition authorities that became active participants of the WG facilitated exchange of information and best practices in combating cross-border cartels, involving many developing competition authorities

provides the basis for future international cooperation in consideration of cross-border cartel cases

UN Set on Competition



Need for action to be taken by countries to eliminate or effectively deal with restrictive business practices, including those of transnational corporations, adversely affecting international trade, particularly that of developing countries, and the economic development of these countries.

Perspectives for development

Combating cross-border cartels – priority area for competition authorities



- Difficulties in considering cross-border cartel cases (procedural differences, lack of experience, lack of resources, etc.)
- Lack of uniform principles and rules at the international level governing the interaction of competition authorities in the investigation of cross-border cartels
- In October 2020 at the 8th UN Competition Conference, BRICS International Competition Law and Policy Center stated that 29 of 47 agencies that participated in the study highlighted the need to consolidate the rules and procedures for international cooperation in combating crossborder cartels at the international level

Uniting 195 countries, UNCTAD platform calls upon finding solutions to arising competition challenges that developing countries are more often faced with



Elaboration of consolidated and updated mechanisms for international cooperation in combating cross-border cartels that <u>meet the</u> <u>interests of most countries in the world,</u> <u>regardless of the level of their economic and</u> <u>socio-cultural development</u>

UN Guidelines on International Cooperation on Cross-Border Cartels

Specifying, developing and extending Guiding policies and procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition, focusing particularly on international cooperation in combating cross-border cartels

Consolidating in one document the provisions and aspects that already exist in documents prepared by international organizations (OECD, ICN, etc.)

Saving national time and staff resources, encouraging capacity building, increasing efficiency and strengthening anti-cartel systems around the globe





12. Decides to renew the mandate of the Working Group on cross-border cartels, open to member States on a voluntary basis, without financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations, to highlight best practices, facilitate information exchange and consultations with the view of the elaboration of guidelines and recommendations on international cooperation on cross-border cartels, and to report to the twentieth session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy.

Thank you for your attention!

