

# “Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Policy 2011&2012: Reports to the Trade and Development Commission , 12-16 November 2012”

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# Main areas of work of the IGE

## Content:

1. Intergovernmental deliberations during the IGEs;
2. UNCTAD peer reviews;
3. Policy research Platform ( RPP );
5. Cooperation with other International organisations, private sector and civil society

## Methods of work

### The Mandate is organised around four cluster of issues:

1. The relationship between Competition policy and development;
2. Effectiveness of competition agencies;
3. International Cooperation;
4. Capacity building including Peer reviews.

# Intergovernmental Group of Experts, Eleventh Session, July 2011

## Topics discussed

- •Foundations of an effective competition agency
- •The importance of coherence between competition and government policies
- •Review of the experience gained so far in enforcement cooperation, including at the regional level
- •Consultations on the Model Law
- •Effectiveness of capacity building extended to young competition agencies
- •Peer review of Serbian competition law and policy

# Intergovernmental Group of Experts, Twelfth Session, July 2012

## Topics discussed

- **Competition policy and public procurement;**
- **Knowledge and human resource management for effective competition law enforcement;**
- **Cross-border anti-competitive practices: The challenges for developing countries and economies in transition:**
- **Discussion of revised chapter III (Restrictive agreements and arrangements) and chapter VIII (Some possible aspects of consumer protection) of the UNCTAD Model Law on Competition Legislation;**
- **Tripartite peer review of competition law and policy in the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe;**
- **Peer review of competition law and policy in Mongolia;**

# Findings and recommendations

## **Recommendations to Competition agencies:**

- **Competition policy during times of economic difficulties is part of the solution not the problem;**
- **The importance of applying competition policy to State Owned enterprises to avoid waste;**
- **The importance of ensuring coherence between competition and other economic policies;**
- **The need to take into account public and consumer interests when applying competition law**
- **The need to enhance cooperation in addressing cross border cartels, abuse of dominance and other anti-competitive conducts;**
- **The importance of ensuring that Anti-competitive practices do not negate the benefits of trade and investment liberalisation.**

# Findings and recommendations

## **Recommendations to Competition agencies:**

- **Peer reviews recommendations should be used as need assessment for capacity building;**
- **Countries should continue to learn from each others and exchange best practices;**
- **UNCTAD should monitor and report on the implementations of peer review findings and recommendations**
- **UNCTAD should continue to cooperate with other relevant international organisations**
- **UNCTAD should continue to disseminate the IGE recommendations including through peer reviews and capacity building**