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Regional Economic Organizations

- Increased emphasis on the role of Regional economic organizations in the world
- Crucial role of the Regional organizations in fostering economic integration among member states
- Regional economic organizations attach particular importance to competition issues
- Despite differences (in competences, regulation and institutionalization) Regional organizations have developed unique instruments, practices and successful models within a scope of competition policy and enforcement
- All of the these models can be used in other jurisdictions

Meetings of Regional Organizations on Competition

(Initiative of the Eurasian Economic Commission)

29 April 2025 (with the support of Egyptian Competition Authority):

- ✓ Effective Regional Regulation on Competition: Best Practices and What Should be Done

2021-2024 (with the technical assistance of UNCTAD):

- ✓ Competence of a regional organization
- ✓ Legal framework
- ✓ Prosecution of cross-border anticompetitive practices
- ✓ Advocacy strategies
- ✓ Interaction with national competition authorities
- ✓ Decision-making processes
- ✓ Judicial and Administrative Appeals of the Decisions and Acts of Regional Competition Authorities

Dialog of Regional Organizations (RO) on Competition

- ✓ **5 Meetings of Regional Organizations on Competition (RO Meeting)**
- ✓ **Topic “Competition and Regional Economic Organizations”**
(IGE 2023; IGE 2024; 9th UN Conference on Competition)



ROs discussed and came to an understanding that ROs:

- *express an interest to share successful experiences on competition issues at regional level;*
- *are keen to promote competition issues in RO on international platforms;*
- *EEC will continue to host regular Meetings of RO on Competition;*
- *all ROs are invited to contribute to the agenda of the Meetings of RO on Competition;*
- *conduct Survey on competition in regional organizations.*

Survey on Competition in Regional Economic Organizations (RO)

(preliminary outcomes)

15 regional integration unions

- 8 out of 15 unions have regional competition body
- 8 out of 15 unions have powers reveal and prevent violations of competition at the regional level
- 8 ROs have powers on abuses of a dominant position and anticompetitive agreements
- 5 ROs empowered to control mergers
- 3 ROs have the Leniency program
- some of 8 ROs have incomplete independent powers (no dawn raids, no expertise, etc.)
- 8 ROs have powers to apply liability measures (sanctions and remedies) for violations
- 8 ROs have appeal mechanisms
- 15 unions interact with national competition authorities
- some member states do not have national competition law and body
- 15 unions have competition advocacy tools

Statement for the

Resolution of the 9th UN Conference on Competition and Consumer Protection:

On behalf of regional organizations involved in the dialogue on competition:

- Note the **importance** of regional cooperation on competition
- **Continue and expand** the dialog of Regional Organizations on Competition
- Include the “Competition and Regional Economic Organizations” topic in **IGE sessions**
- Include this Statement in the **Resolution of the 9th UN Conference** on Competition and Consumer Protection



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