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Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Ukraine¹

Tuesday, 9 July (15:00 - 18:00)

Room XVIII

Palais des Nations

Geneva

Ukraine has implemented considerable reforms in its competition law regime in the past decade. The purpose of the Peer Review is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in Ukraine and to draw lessons from past experiences with a view to improving competition law enforcement in the country. In this context, the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine (AMCU) volunteered to participate in a Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy organised by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, the competition experts, Katharina Plath, Head, Internal Audit of the Federal Cartel Office of Germany and William Kovacic, Professor of Law at George Washington University, assessed the state of competition law and policy in Ukraine and prepared the Peer Review Report.

This report will serve as a basis for the Peer Review examination during the 13th session of the IGE. The Ukraine Peer Review will be chaired by Prof. Vincent Martenet from COMCO, Switzerland. The examination panel will also include four reviewers from competition institutions, including Japan, EU, USA, FTC and OECD. In addition, speakers from the floor will be invited to contribute to the discussions. The peer review will be interactive and will provide the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in the implementation of competition law and policy.

The findings and policy recommendations of the peer review will be used to design tailor-made technical assistance activities to reinforce the effectiveness of competition law enforcement in Ukraine. Development agencies, technical assistance providers, bilateral donors and international organizations are invited to support the respective technical assistance activities.

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¹ Voluntary Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Ukraine (UNCTAD/DITC/CLP/2013/3).

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15:00 - 15:05	Introduction by the UNCTAD Secretariat
15:05 - 15:10	Introduction of the Review Panel by its Chair
	Prof. Vincent Martenet, President of COMCO, Switzerland
	Panellists:
	Mr. Sam Pieters, Administrator at DG Competition, European Commission
	Mr. Russ Damfort, Associate Director, Office of International Affairs, FTC, USA
	Mr. Ryohei Takai, Senior Planning Officer, International Affairs Division, Japan Fair Trade Commission
	Prof. Fredrick Jenny, OECD
Part I	
15:10 - 15:30	Presentation of the Peer Review Report of Pakistan by Katharina Plath and William Kovacic
15:30 - 15:50	Statement by the Head of Ukraine Delegation
	Mr. Vasyl Tsushko, Chairman, AMCU
15:50 - 17:00	Questions and Answers: Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers from the floor to be answered by:
	Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine (AMCU).
Part II	
17:00 - 17:30	Interactive Session: In this Session the AMCU will seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report. Speakers from the floor will include: EU, Brazil, UK, US, Japan, France, Germany, Italy, South Korea,
	Australia, Portugal
Part III	
17:30 - 17:45	The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD of capacity building activities to assist AMCU implement the recommendations and strengthen its competition law enforcement
17:45 - 18:00	Wrap-up by the Chair of the Peer Review panel
	Closing remarks by Mr. Vasyl Tsushko, Chairman, AMCU
18:15 - 19:45	Cocktail Reception