



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy
16th Session, 05 - 07 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy: Argentina

Friday, 7 July 2017 (10:00 - 13:00)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)

Argentina is in the process of reforming its competition regime. The purpose of this peer review is to assess the legal framework and enforcement experience in Argentina and to draw lessons from past experiences with a view to improving competition law enforcement in the country. In this context, the Argentine National Commission for the Defence of Competition (CNDC) volunteered to participate in a Peer Review of Competition Law and Policy organized by UNCTAD.

With substantial support provided by CNDC of Argentina, the competition expert, Mr. Luis Berenguer, examined the status of competition law and policy in Argentina and prepared the peer review report including recommendations.¹

This report will serve as a basis for the peer review examination during the 16th session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE). The review panel will include representatives of the competition authorities of Italy, Brazil and United States. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. The peer review will be interactive and provide the Argentine competition authority with a unique opportunity to draw lessons from the experiences of other competition authorities in competition law enforcement.

UNCTAD used the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report in designing a tailor-made technical assistance project to reinforce the effectiveness of competition law enforcement in Argentina. UNCTAD would like to invite development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

¹ A short version of the report is available at:

http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ciclpd46_en.pdf

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 10:00 - 10:05 **Introduction by the UNCTAD Secretariat**
- 10:05 - 10:10 **Introduction of the peer review panel by its Chair**
Dr. Maria João Melícias, Member of the Board, Portuguese Competition Authority
- Peer reviewers**
- Ms. Alessandra Tonazzi, Director, Directorate of International and European Affairs, Italian Competition Authority, Italy
 - Mr. Paulo Burnier da Silveira, Commissioner, Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil
 - Mr. Russell Damtoft, Associate Director, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, United States

Part I

- 10:10 - 10:30 **Presentation of the peer review report of Argentina**
Mr. Luis Berenguer, Consultant, UNCTAD
- 10:30 - 10:50 **Statement by the Head of the Argentine Delegation**
Mr. Esteban Greco, Chairman, National Commission for the Defence of Competition (CNDC), Argentina
- 10:50 - 12:00 **Questions and answers**
Successive rounds of questions from panellists and speakers, to be answered by:
Mr. Esteban Greco, Chairman, CNDC, Argentina

Part II

- 12:00 - 12:30 **Interactive session**
This Session will allow the CNDC to seek advice from other competition authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.

Part III

- 12:30 - 12:45 **The way forward: Presentation by UNCTAD of capacity building activities to assist CNDC in strengthening its competition law enforcement**
- 12:45 - 13:00 **Wrap-up by the Chair of the peer review panel**
Closing remarks by Mr. Esteban Greco, Chairman, CNDC, Argentina

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Juan Luis Crucelegui (juanluis.crucelegui@unctad.org) or Ms. Valentina Rivas (valentina.rivas@unctad.org).