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OECD Global Forum on Competition

PROVISIONAL REVISED FORUM AGENDA

**To be held at the OECD, Château de la Muette, 2 rue André-Pascal,
75116 Paris, on 14 and 15 February 2002, starting at 9:00 am**

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**GLOBAL FORUM ON COMPETITION
14 and 15 February 2002**

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday 14 February

9:00-1:00

Opening Remarks

by Seiichi KONDO, Deputy Secretary General

I. Competition policy and economic growth and development (open to all)

Chair: Frédéric JENNY, Chairman, OECD Competition Committee

The planned discussion of the relationship between competition policy and economic growth and development has been expanded. It is anticipated that Topic "A" will occupy about one-half of the morning.

A. Special issues in developing and transition markets

- There will be a presentation reviewing empirical evidence and identifying the characteristics of developing markets most likely to affect the kind of competition problems they face (and thus the kind of competition regime they might want).

Speaker: Mark DUTZ, GTZ Advisor to Turkish Treasury and Ministry for Economic Affairs (on leave from World Bank)

- Three developing country competition officials will discuss the challenges they face, the arguments they hear against competition law and against various aspects of competition policy, and arguments for different kinds of competition regimes.

Speakers: Mahmoud MOHIELDIN, Senior Adviser to Minister of Foreign Trade, Egypt
David LEWIS, Chairman, South African Competition Tribunal
Didik RACHBINI, Commissioner, Indonesian Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition

B. Evidence from OECD economies

- There will be a presentation of an OECD Economics Department study on the impact of competitive product markets on the overall health of OECD Members' economies, and participants will be invited to discuss its implications for their economies and usefulness in their competition advocacy. Mexico will also make a presentation.

Speakers: Jorgen ELMESKOV, Deputy Director, Policy Studies Branch, Economics Department (OECD)
Sanchez UGARTE, President, Federal Competition Commission, Mexico

C. International cartels' impact on developing countries

- The results and implications of work done for the World Bank Development Report.

Speaker: Simon EVENETT, Director of Economic Research, World Trade Institute, Bern (formerly with the World Bank)

1:00-2:30

OECD buffet lunch

2:30-4:30

II. Capacity building and technical assistance (open to all)

Co-Chairs: Jean-Claude FAURE, Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee
Frédéric JENNY, Chairman of the Competition Committee

The Competition Committee has considered the assistance in competition policy, while the Development Assistance Committee has analysed assistance programmes in general. The Doha communiqué provides for negotiations on competition policy and commits to increased assistance, thus raising the profile of assistance in competition policy.

- As background, the WTO Secretariat will report on an inter-Secretariat meeting on implementing the Doha communiqué's statement that WTO assistance should be provided in co-operation with other relevant intergovernmental organizations.
- Competition officials from assistance-providing and assistance-receiving economies will make presentations. Topics for discussion include the importance of competition policy, the needs of beneficiaries, and the relative effectiveness of different kinds of assistance and providers thereof.

Speakers: Allan FELS, Chairman, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
Joseph Seon HUR, Director General, Korea Fair Trade Commission
William KOVACIC, General Counsel, U.S. Federal Trade Commission

Andrey TSYGANOV, Deputy Minister, Russian Antimonopoly Office
Aini PROOS, Deputy Director General, Estonian Competition Board
Jean-Luc SENOU, Union Economique et Monetaire de l'Ouest Afrique

4:30-5.00

III. Other International Initiatives

Chair: Frédéric JENNY, Chairman, OECD Competition Committee

This is an opportunity for brief presentations on other relevant initiatives.

5:00-6:00 IV. International co-operation in merger and cartel cases (open to all)

A. Mergers

Co-Chairs: Margaret BLOOM, Director of Competition Policy, Office of Fair Trading, United Kingdom
Andrej PLAHUTNIK, Director, Competition Protection Office, Slovenia

Discussion will focus on the special problems of information sharing and other barriers to international co-operation in merger cases.

Friday 15 February

9:00-11:00 Continuation of session IV on international co-operation (open to all)

B. Cartels

Co-Chairs: Margaret BLOOM, Director of Competition Policy, Office of Fair Trading, United Kingdom
Andrej PLAHUTNIK, Director, Competition Protection Office, Slovenia

This session will discuss what restrictions are reasonably necessary to protect the confidentiality of business information that may be shared with a foreign competition authority. It will also consider what other legitimate interests of firms are at issue and what protections those interests may warrant.

Speaker: Calvin GOLDMAN, BIAC

11:00-12:30 V. Competition authorities' discussion and evaluation of information sharing and other aspects of international co-operation (open only to representatives of governments and international organisations)

Co-Chairs: Mr. Alexander SCHAUB, General Director for Competition, EU Commission
Mr. Len-Yu LIU, Commissioner, Chinese Taipei Fair Trade Commission

This session will provide officials an opportunity to discuss among themselves their views on what rules should govern information sharing. Based upon the results of Secretariat questionnaires to Members and non-Members, there will also be discussion of successful and unsuccessful efforts to engage in international co-operation.

12:30-1:15 VI. Summary; future work (open only to representatives of governments and international organisations)

Chair: Frédéric JENNY

Participants will be asked to present their views on the meeting and on future topics, procedures, and formats for the Forum. Some final comments will be offered.

1:15-2:30 **OECD buffet lunch**

2:30-5:00 **VII. Optional -- Cartel meeting tapes and other topics (open to all)**

In OECD theatre (New Building, close to Room No. 1)

- *Presentation of the undercover tapes of lysine cartel meetings*, by James Griffin, U.S. Department of Justice
- *Presentation of the Mortgage Credit Case ("Crédit immobilier")*, by the French Competition Council