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The OECD Outreach Programme in Latin America

The OECD's focus has for more than a decade extended beyond its member countries. Increasingly the Organisation is becoming involved world-wide with countries that are committed to embracing a more market based economy. These efforts are currently co-ordinated through the OECD Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members. The Centre's efforts are broadly designed to further economic growth and global integration by making the experience of OECD countries available to others and by enabling those countries to profit from the insights and perspectives of non-members. In this regard, there is an active outreach programme in competition law and policy. The OECD has conducted scores of seminars, conferences and meetings in which competition policy experts from the OECD Secretariat and from our member countries meet with enforcement officials and others from non-member countries to discuss issues of common interest in this field.

In the early years of the outreach program, which began in 1990, the OECD's efforts were concentrated in the countries in transition from centrally managed economies in Central and Eastern Europe. Since 1995, however, the geographic scope of the program has expanded dramatically to other parts of the globe. Latin America is now a major focus for the OECD's outreach activities. Since 1996 the OECD has sponsored at least one event a year in Latin America on competition policy. High level conferences, co-sponsored with the World Bank, were held in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro in 1996 and 1997. Case study seminars were held in Brasilia in 1998, in Lima in 1999, in Caracas in 2000, in Brasilia in 2001 and in Miami in 2002. These seminars, in which experts from OECD and non-OECD countries discuss competition cases originating in participating countries, are the signature product of the OECD outreach programme in competition law and policy. In addition, three events specific to Brazil were held between 1999 and 2001: seminars on civil aviation and natural gas in 1999 and 2000 and a seminar in April 2001 on institutional reforms in Brazilian competition policy. Finally, in 2000 the Secretariat completed and published a comprehensive review of competition policy in Brazil, and as a part of this Latin American Competition Forum, Chile will be the second non-member country to be reviewed under the OECD's peer review programme in competition law and policy.

Attached is a list of participating countries and international organisations in the various Latin American events described above.

**PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND ORGANISATIONS IN OECD
COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY EVENTS IN LATIN AMERICA
1996-2002**

Note: One or more experts from the OECD Secretariat were present at all of the following events.

Case study seminar, Miami, Florida, USA, 2-4 December 2002

Latin American and Caribbean countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama

OECD countries and international organisations: France, Mexico, Spain, United States, Andean Community

Case study seminar, Brasilia, Brazil, 4-6 December 2001

Latin American and Caribbean countries: Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Panama.

OECD countries and international organisations: Canada, Italy, Mexico, United States, Andean Community

Conference, "Enhancing Competition Policy in Brazil," Brasilia, Brazil, 10-11 May 2001

Latin American countries: Argentina and Brazil (including many participants from the three Brazilian competition agencies, legislators, consumer protection agencies, the academic community, regulatory agencies (banks, electricity, energy) and the private sector).

OECD countries and international organisations: Spain, United States, Organisation of American States, World Trade Organisation.

Seminar on Competition in Natural Gas, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 6-8 December 2000

Latin American Countries: Brazil (including several representatives from federal and state regulatory agencies, industry representatives, lawyers and academics).

OECD Countries: United States.

Case study seminar, Caracas, Venezuela, 5-8 December 2000

Latin American and Caribbean countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Venezuela.

OECD countries and international organisations: Canada, France, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, United States, Andean Community.

Seminar on Competition Policy in the Airline Industry, Brasilia, Brazil, 7 December 1999

Latin American countries: Brazil (including heads of all four major airlines, head of the aviation regulator and several officials from the Ministry of Defense (which is responsible for aviation

regulation), officials from the Ministry of Justice, other aviation lawyers and economists and legislators.

OECD countries: Italy, Mexico, United Kingdom, United States.

Case study seminar, Lima, Peru, 30 November – 3 December 1999

Latin American and Caribbean countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Jamaica, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

OECD countries: Japan, Mexico, Spain and United States.

Case study seminar, Brasilia, Brazil, 24-27 February 1999

Latin American countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Jamaica, Panama and Peru.

OECD countries: Canada, France, Mexico, Spain, United States.

Seminar on Competition Policy and Economic Reform, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 10-13 July 1997 (co-sponsored with the World Bank)

Latin American and Caribbean countries: Argentina, Brazil (including many from the private sector, regulatory bodies, government ministries and legislators), Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

OECD countries and international organisations: Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, United States, European Commission, Organisation of American States, World Bank

Conference on competition policy in Latin America and the Caribbean, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1996 (jointly sponsored with the World Bank)

The list of participants for this event is not available. It was comparable in scope and in participation to the seminar in Rio de Janeiro in 1997, described above.