OECD Joint Global Forum on Trade and Competition

LETTER OF INVITATION AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

-- 15 and 16 MAY 2003 --

This document includes the invitation sent to non-members invited to the Joint Global Forum on Trade and Competition (15 and 16 May 2003).

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The OECD’s Joint Group on Trade and Competition, in co-operation with the OECD Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members (CCNM), cordially invite you to attend a special OECD Joint Global Forum on Trade and Competition. The one-and-a-half day meeting will be held in Paris on **15-16 May 2003**.

This will be the principal event under the auspices of the OECD designed to facilitate timely policy dialogue on the issues in paragraph 25 of the *Doha Ministerial Declaration*, as preparations scale up for the next WTO Ministerial meeting in Cancún. This event will assist countries to better evaluate the implications of closer multilateral co-operation in the competition field for their development policies and objectives, and human and institutional development. A provisional agenda is attached that includes five sessions on issues related to the trade and competition paragraphs of the Doha Ministerial Declaration.

In response to feedback received at recent outreach events, we will be endeavouring to cultivate more of a workshop atmosphere to stimulate frank and informal debate. It will take place under Chatham House rules, that is, on a non-attribution basis. To maximise the opportunity for participation by a broad range of those in attendance, participants should come prepared to discuss specific issues, and refrain from making lengthy, general interventions.

A dedicated website will be our vehicle for conveying to you general information and documentation for the event: [http://webdomino1.oecd.org/comnet/ech/tradecomp.nsf](http://webdomino1.oecd.org/comnet/ech/tradecomp.nsf). The username is: *jointgroup* and password: *competition*.

Both a competition and a trade official from your country are strongly encouraged to attend. Your counterpart has been separately invited. This joint participation is in the tradition of promoting coherence in government policy which lies behind the philosophy of the OECD Joint Group on Trade and Competition.

We would appreciate receiving an early indication of whether you intend to attend. Please fill out **by 7 April 2003** the attached registration form and return it preferably electronically, or by fax. Any enquiries should be directed to:

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We look forward to greeting you at the Joint Forum on Trade and Competition on 15 May.

Yours sincerely,

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JOINT GLOBAL FORUM ON TRADE AND COMPETITION

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Co-Chairs: Mr. Allan Fels and Mr. Stephan Amarasingha

THURSDAY 15 MAY

2:30 OPENING REMARKS
Secretary General

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS
Chairs of the Trade and Competition Committees

2:30-4:30 SESSION I: Clarification of Core Principles: Transparency, Non- Discrimination and Procedural Fairness

4:30-4:45 Coffee Break

4:45-6:30 SESSION II: Effective Action Against Hard Core Cartels

6:30 Reception

FRIDAY 16 MAY

9:30-11:00 SESSION III: Voluntary Co-Operation in Competition Law

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-1:00 SESSION IV: Capacity Building and Progressive Reinforcement of Competition Institutions

1:00-3:00 OECD Buffet Lunch

3:00-5:30 SESSION V: Peer Review and Other Possible Compliance Mechanisms: Merits and Approaches in a Trade and Competition Context

5:30-5:45 Main Remarks by the Rapporteur

5:45-6.00 CLOSING REMARKS: Chairs of the Trade and Competition Committees.
PARTICIPATION FORM

Please complete the form below and forward it before 7 April to:

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