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**Session IV: Competitive Neutrality**

**Questions for Discussion**

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#### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. These questions are circulated in preparation of the discussion to be held in Session IV of the 2012 Latin American Competition Forum on “Competitive Neutrality”. We have identified a number of issues that you may wish to consider in your oral contributions to the session.

2. The objective of this session is three-fold: (i) to hear the experiences of countries in the Latin American and Caribbean region on challenges in markets where public undertakings co-exist with private competitors; (ii) to give an overview of the OECD project on competitive neutrality; and (iii) to solicit views on the “*Best Practice Report on Competitive Neutrality: Maintaining a level playing field between public and private business*” developed by the OECD Secretariat, which has been distributed via the LACF website. The report aims to provide practitioners with an overview and discussion of best practice options and national approaches to ensure competitive neutrality.

3. Should you need any further information or clarification, please contact Hilary Jennings at [Hilary.Jennings@oecd.org](mailto:Hilary.Jennings@oecd.org)

#### Questions for discussion during the session:

1. What is the main economic rationale in your jurisdiction for maintaining state ownership and does this pose competitive neutrality challenges?
2. What in your views are the main challenges to ensure a level playing field between public and private business?
3. What in your views could be expected action from government? How are these challenges already addressed by policy makers?
4. Please share any case relevant examples.

5. Concerning more specifically the OECD Report and National Best Practices on Competitive Neutrality:
  - Has the OECD missed the discussion of an important area/principle beyond the eight covered by part B of the Report?
  - Are there any points that you strongly agree or disagree with?
  - Do you have examples of case studies or good national practice examples that are not already covered by the report?