

World Competition Day

5th December

Theme of 2011

Cartels and their
Harmful Effects on
Consumers





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- **Why World Competition Day?**
 - Ensure awareness among consumers regarding potential benefits of an effectively implemented competition regime
 - Create awareness regarding role to be played by consumers in shaping an effective competition regime
- **Why on 5th December?**
 - The United Nations (UN) General Assembly formally adopted the UN Set of Competition Principles at its 35th meeting on 5th December 1980



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- 2nd call was made to observe the Day on 5th December based on a theme 'Cartels and their Harmful Effects on Consumers' which was mentioned on various renowned platforms such as:
 - ICN - Competition Advocacy postings; ICN Blog; CODEDCO (Comité de Defensa de los Derechos del Consumidor), Bolivia; Antitrust & Competition Policy Blog; Concurrence - Review of Competition Laws
- 1st call was made in 2010 to observe the Day on 5th December based on the theme 'International Air-transport Cartels and its Impact on Developing Countries'



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Support from Countries

- Following countries (competition agencies) have made a clarion call to UNCTAD in a form of a letter towards formal adoption of the Day:
 - Fiji Commerce Commission, Fiji
 - Gambia Competition Commission, The Gambia
 - Competition Protection Agency, Republic of Kazakhstan
 - Namibian Competition Commission, Namibia
 - Competition Commission of Pakistan, Pakistan
 - Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russia
 - The Office of Fair Trading, UK
 - Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Zambia
 - Competition and Tariff Commission, Zimbabwe



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Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General (CUTS International)
speaking on World Competition Day (WCD)



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World Competition Day celebration around the world!





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'Actions' from around the world...

No.	Activities	Countries
Articles		
1	Consumers unite and say 'no more' to being exploited by cartels Financial Express, December 05, 2011	Bangladesh
2	Harmful impacts of cartels on consumers The Daily Star, November 27, 2011	
3	Competition day: say no to cartels The Monitor, December 06, 2011	Botswana
4	Consumers unite against exploitation by cartels l' express Weekly [December 02, 2011 • Insert N° 4 L'EXPRESS YOURSELF]	Mauritius
5	Consumers united The Kathmandu Post (Nepal), December 06, 2011	Nepal
6	On World Competition Day, attention shifts to laws against cartels The Guardian (Nigeria), December 08, 2011	Nigeria
7	Saying "no more" to cartels The News, Pakistan, December 04, 2011	Pakistan



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Press Release		
1	World Competition Day says no to cartels The Independent (Bangladesh), December 06, 2011	Bangladesh
2	Today is world competition day The Free Press, December 05, 2011	India
3	Dec 5 is world competition day SME Times News Bureau, December 05, 2011	
4	Monday is World Competition Day IANS, December 05, 2011	
5	Set up recall system to protect consumers: Fomca Bernama (Malaysia), December 05, 2011	Malaysia
6	Monday is World Competition Day INamibia, December 04, 2011	Namibia
7	Clarion call to enforce competition law Republica (Nepal), December 06, 2011	Nepal



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In Media		
1	CUTS promotes second World Competition Day Global Competition Review, December 07, 2011	
Other Activities		
1	5th December – World Competition Day Federal Antimonopoly Services (FAS), December 05, 2011	Russia
2	The Department for International Development (DFID), UK prepared an article on World Competition Day, circulated within DFID (HQ and Country offices).	UK
3	American Antitrust Institute (AAI) Calls for Increased Cartel Penalties in Honour of World Competition Day AAI, November 30, 2011 American Antitrust Institute (AAI) has also produced a paper ' On Optimising the Deterrence of Cartel '	USA



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Events		
1	Albanian Competition Authority organised a round table and press conference on the occasion of the World Competition Day. http://incsoc.net/Events_World_Competition_Day_2011.htm	Albania
2	SAWTEE in association with Nepal Bar Association and SEJON organised a discussion forum on 'Status of Competition in Nepal' on December 05, 2011 to mark the World Competition Day. http://incsoc.net/Events_World_Competition_Day_2011.htm	Nepal
3	A press conference organised by l'Association Togolaise des Consommateurs (ATC) on the occasion of the World Competition Day. Les avantages de la libre concurrence expliqués aux medias Togo Press, N 8679, December 08, 2011	Togo
4	Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC), Zambia and CUTS International, Lusaka jointly organised press briefing on the occasion of World Competition Day on 5 th December. http://incsoc.net/Events_World_Competition_Day_2011.htm	Zambia



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