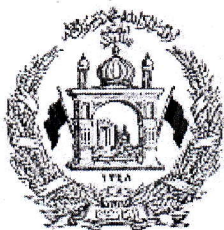


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Dear Mr. Qaqaya,

**Adoption of World Competition Day**

A number of countries from across the world have now expressed their support for observing 5<sup>th</sup> December as the World Competition Day. The Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Directorate that is tasked to facilitate establishing of a Competition Authority in Afghanistan would like to express our full support in advancing the need for the same.

The date December the 5<sup>th</sup> is an ideal date, as it coincides with the date the UN Set on Competition Policy was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1980.

The World Competition Day would enable all competition law jurisdictions to participate and deliberate on a common theme, bring important competition concerns to the limelight, simultaneously emphasizing the need to safeguard and promote competition to enhance consumer welfare and contribute towards sustainable development.

It is critical that the initiative to observe World Competition Day continues to be supported at national levels, as it will help establish the World Competition Day internationally under the auspices of the UN.

The Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Directorate appreciates the efforts made by UNCTAD in extending technical co-operation to developing countries that seek capacity-building and technical assistance in formulating and effectively enforcing their competition law, and generating discussions on common concerns posed in the realm of competition law and policy.

We feel that such recognition at international level would help propagate healthy competition regimes globally, and the Competition Promotion and Consumer Protection Directorate reaffirms its support and endorsement for UNCTAD to lead this process.

Sincerely,

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