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Der Generaldirektor
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Adoption of World Competition Day

Dear Mr. Qaqaya,

A number of countries from across the world have now expressed their support for observing 5th December as the World Competition Day. The Federal Austrian Competition Authority would like to join them in advancing the need for the same.

The date December the 5th is an ideal date as it coincides with the date the UN Set on Competition Policy were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1980.

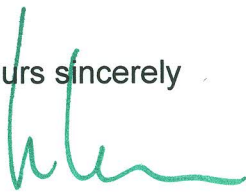
The World Competition Day would enable all competition law jurisdictions to participate and deliberate on a common theme, bring important competition concerns to the limelight, simultaneously emphasizing the need to safeguard and promote competition to enhance consumer welfare and contribute towards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

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

Federal Austrian Competition Authority 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 the international level would help propagate healthy competition regimes, globally and Federal Austrian Competition Authority is willing to provide the necessary support to UNCTAD to lead this process.

Yours sincerely



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