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für Wettbewerb

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### **Adoption of World Competition Day**

Dear Mr. Qaqaya, Dear Hassan

Following the letter on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 for the Adoption of World Competition Day on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013 the Federal Austrian Competition Authority would like to join them again in advancing the need for the same.

The World Competition Day would enable all competition law jurisdictions to improve cooperation with domestic and foreign public competition authorities and other stakeholders, in order to increase the efficiency and facilitate antitrust and cartel regulation operations.

Cartel agreements and market power abuses harm competition and can lead to a host of negative effects that result in enormous economic damage. We support the idea that a proper functioning of public procurement would enhance the economy of every single country by generating demand and consumption. Therefore we appreciate the topic chosen for 2014, "Competition issues in Public Procurement". It is very important that international organizations like UNCTAD and OECD have taken up this topic.

The Authority is interested in strengthening and further improving cooperation with organizations in the field of the competition policy and competition enforcement.

I am looking forward seeing you at the BWB-competition conference on "*Best practices in investigations*" in December!

Best regards,

Dr. Theodor Thanner



Director General  
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The image shows a circular official stamp of the Austrian Competition Authority (Bundeskartellamt) with a handwritten signature in black ink over it. The stamp contains the text 'Bundeskartellamt' and 'Austrian Competition Authority' around the perimeter. The signature is written in a cursive style.