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Dear Mr. Qaqaya,

The Competition Commission of Pakistan acknowledges and 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. Organized by UNCTAD, the Annual Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law serves as a dynamic forum for rigorous discussions on competition law and policy issues.

In 2010, the International Network of Civil Society on Competition (INCSOC) took the initiative of announcing the first World Competition Day to be celebrated on 5 December 2010, the 20th Anniversary of the adoption of the UN Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices. For various reasons, this could not be done.

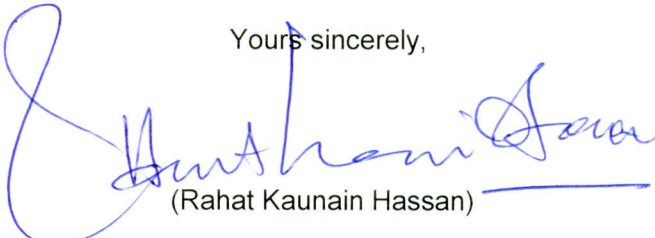
In continuation to a request made by CUTS International, the Commission endorses the idea of observance of an annual World Competition Day on 5th December and requests UNCTAD to include a discussion on this topic in the agenda of the forthcoming Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Meeting scheduled to be held in July 2011 in Geneva.

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.

We hope we can count on your support and likewise, we are available to assist UNCTAD further in this matter.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Rahat Kaunain Hassan)