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Adoption of World Competition Day

Dear Mr. Qaqaya, Dear Hassan

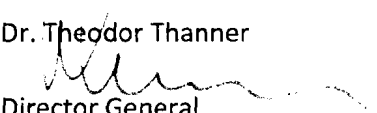
Following the letter on 6th November 2012 for the Adoption of World Competition Day on 5th December 2012 the Federal Austrian Competition Authority would like to join them again in advancing the need for the same.

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. In case of developing countries it is particularly difficult to introduce and enforce competition policies. Therefore we appreciate the topic chosen for 2013, "Adverse Impact of Cartels on the Poor". 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.

Dr. Theodor Thanner


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