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I. The Fulfillment of the APEC Competition Policy and Law Database

It has been the privilege of us to inform the APEC member economies regarding the progress in maintaining the APEC Competition Policy and Law Database.

Since our last report to this group, our Database has not only been updated by most member economies on a regular basis, but it also been enhanced by the efforts from new member economies. We would very much like to express our appreciation to the relevant agencies in Peru, Vietnam and Russia for their contributions in providing documents and information so as to make the Database comprehensive. We are glad to announce that, at the current stage, we have a complete competition database covering the whole of the APEC geographic region that is available for public access.

The completion of this database demonstrates the close cooperative relationship that exits among member economies with regard to the accomplishment of the first section of collection actions according to the Osaka Action Agenda. Not only will member economies be able to promote dialogue and study other APEC member economies' competition policies and/or laws through this database, but the private sector, including academic organizations and business enterprises, will also be able to retrieve useful information from the database for improving trade and investment.

II. Future Cooperation From Member Economies

With the establishment phase of the database completed, the main task now is to maintain it. One again, we very much appreciates the efforts of member economies, including Australia, Canada, the People's Republic of China, Japan, Thailand and the United States of American, for their active and cooperative provision of updated information over the past year. We are also obliged to point out, however, that some member economies, including Brunei Darussalam; Chile; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; the Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; the Republic of the Philippines; Russia; Singapore; and Vietnam, have still to submit their most updated information. We

would like to emphasize that it is extremely important for every member economy to fully support the Database by providing updated information in a timely manner so as to ensure that all information in the Database is up-to-date and that users feel comfortable accessing it.