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Summary Report on the Updated APEC Competition

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

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

Since our last report to this group, our Database has been updated by most member economies on a regular basis. We would especially like to thank the relevant agencies in Peru, Vietnam and Russia for their contributions in terms of 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 area that is available for public access.

The completion of this database demonstrates the close cooperative relationship that exists among member economies with regard to the accomplishment of the first section of the collective action in the Osaka Action Agenda. Not only can member economies 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, may also retrieve useful information from the database in order to improve 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. Once again, we very much appreciate the efforts of Japan and Singapore in terms of their active cooperation in providing updated information over the past year. We are also obliged to point out, however, that some member economies, including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Hong Kong, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Thailand, the United States of America, and Vietnam, have still to submit their most updated information. Chinese Taipei emphasizes that it is extremely important for every member economy to provide the Database with its full support by providing updated information in a timely manner to ensure that all information within the Database is up-to-date and that users feel comfortable while using it.