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Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
<p>a) Gather information and promote dialogue on and study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The objectives, necessity, role and operation of each APEC economy's competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures, updating on a permanent basis the database on competition policy; ii) Competition policy issues that impact on trade and investment flows in the APEC region; iii) Exemptions and exceptions from the coverage of each APEC economy's competition policy and/or laws in an effort to ensure that each is no broader than necessary to achieve a legitimate and explicitly identified objective; iv) Areas for technical assistance and the modalities thereof, including exchange and training programs for officials in charge of competition policy, taking into account the availability of resources; and v) The interrelationship between competition policy and/or laws and other policies related to trade and investment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Continue policy dialogue and information exchange and study on competition policy, competition laws and their enforcement and their interrelationship with other policies related to trade and investment, including through further workshops if members so decide. B. Utilize the common/united format for reporting on members' respective up-dates and developments of competition policy and law. C. Individual economies to provide further information (update) on their competition policies, competition laws and their enforcement, exemptions and exceptions from the coverage of competition policy and/or law, thereby enhancing transparency and contributing to the development and enhancement of the APEC database on competition law and policy. D. Individual economies to seek technical assistance and/or consider providing training programs with a view to sharing their experience in operating competition policies and laws with other Members. E. For sharing information/experiences and discussions among APEC member economies regarding recent developments and updates in competition law and policy, the website "<i>The Competition Policy & Law Database</i>" has been managed by Chinese Taipei. 	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>
<p>b) Deepen competition policy dialogue between APEC economies and relevant international organizations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Maintain dialogue with other international organizations considering competition policy and law issues. B. A Roundtable discussion on International Enforcement Cooperation will be held for experience sharing among CPLG member economies. 	<p>February 2014</p>

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c) Continue to develop understanding in the APEC business community of competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures.	A. Individual economies to further develop dialogue, on a permanent basis, with the business community on competition policy and/or laws and administrative procedures	Continuous
d) Continue to develop an understanding of competition policies and/or laws within their respective governments and within relevant domestic constituencies, thereby fostering a culture of competition.	<p>A. Individual economies will develop and implement strategies to explain the benefits of competition policy and/or laws to their citizens and government agencies.</p> <p>B. Formulate a capacity building project (The APEC Training Course on Competition Policy) to assist members in promoting competition policy.</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>October, 2014</p>
e) Encourage cooperation among the competition authorities of APEC economies with regard to information exchange, notification and consultation.	<p>A. Consider further actions for promoting cooperation among competition authorities.</p> <p>B. Individual economies to list and update contact points of competition authorities periodically with a view to transparency and information exchange where deemed appropriate.</p> <p>C. Formulate a capacity building project (The APEC Training Course on Competition Policy) to assist members in promoting competition policy</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>October, 2014</p>
f) Contribute to the use of trade and competition laws, policies and measures that promote free and open trade, investment and competition.	A. Interaction with other APEC Sub-fora with regard to the issue of Competition Policy.	Continuous
g) Encourage all APEC economies to implement the "APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform".	Individual Economies to take action oriented undertakings directed to the implementation of the "APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform" by APEC Fora and Sub-fora.	Continuous

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<p>h) Encourage all APEC economies to utilize “the APEC-OECD Integrated Checklist on Regulatory Reform” as a self-assessment tool on a voluntary basis.</p>	<p>A. Disseminating the APEC-OECD Integrated Checklist on Regulatory Reform, particularly the Competition Policy element of the checklist.</p> <p>B. Following the endorsement of the APEC-OECD Integrated Checklist on Regulatory Reform by the 17th APEC Ministerial Meeting in 2005, members will voluntarily report on utilizing the Checklist.</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p>
<p>i) Undertake capacity building programs to assist economies in implementing the “APEC Principles to Enhance Competition and Regulatory Reform”.</p>	<p>Formulate a capacity building project (The APEC Training Course on Competition Policy)to assist members in promoting competition policy</p>	<p>October, 2014</p>