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Work Plan for the Competition Policy and Law Group

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Name of the FotC: Competition Policy and Law Group (CPLG)

Coordinating Economy: Philippines

Membership Principles¹ and Member Economies:

The CPLG membership remains open to all economies as in the past.

Objectives:

The CPLG works to promote an understanding of regional competition laws and policies, to examine the impact on trade and investment flows, and to identify areas for technical cooperation and capacity building among APEC member economies.

Scope:

The CPLG is responsible for practical aspects of competition law and enforcement to develop and enhance competition law and policy in APEC member economies. It covers the legal and regulatory issues of competition law and enforcement, including sharing new developments in the law, comparative aspects of competition law, the role of the courts, the degree of autonomy granted to competition authorities, better methods to improve success of monitoring and enforcement of the law and appropriate remedies. It requires high degree of technical expertise, in-depth understanding and ability to analyze the legal and regulatory issues from the members involved.

Activities and projects for 2015

- APEC Training Course on Competition Policy in 2015

APEC Training Course on Competition Policy will be held in Russia this October. Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation will host this training course.

- The Competition Policy and Law Database

Based on consensus among member economies, gathering and collating information and the establishment of a regional database is recognized as one essential step towards narrowing the competition information gap among member economies. For the purpose of sharing information/experiences and discussions among APEC member economies regarding updates and recent developments in competition law and policy, the website "The Competition Policy & Law Database" has been managed by Chinese Taipei since 1999. It has been more than 15 years since its establishment. According to the re-design plan of the Database approved at the 2014 CPLG meeting, Chinese Taipei revamped the website in 2014 and will continuously maintain the Database. Furthermore, member economies are highly encouraged to submit updated information and documents for inclusion in the Database, so that the Database will provide the most up-to-date and valuable information to the public users.

- Members' Report/Presentation on Up-dated and Development of Competition Policy

In order to exchange information, promote dialogue and encourage cooperation among the authorities for competition policy of member economies, each economy will make presentations in the CPLG meeting on up-dates and development of competition policy and law, which may cover the following items;

- 1) Introduction of competition law and change to competition law and policy;
- 2) Enforcement of competition law and policy (featuring recent cases);
- 3) Issues for SMEs in Competition Law and Policy

¹ FotC coordinators are expected to propose as to how the membership can be organized. Possible examples include:

A: Economies with the intension of sizable/substantial contribution will be members, while other economies will take part in decision making at the Plenary.

B: Two kinds of membership, with core members and non-core members.

C: Economies with the intension of sizable/substantial contribution will be members, while other economies will be CC-ed when FotC e-mail discussion is conducted among such members.

- Deepen International Enforcement Cooperation among APEC Competition Jurisdictions

To enhance the enforcement cooperation among the competition authorities in the APEC region, the CPLG in 2014 held a members' dialogue and roundtable discussion on the International Enforcement Cooperation against Anti-Competitive Practices. In 2015, the CPLG Convenor will invite experts from experienced competition agencies to share further their experiences of cooperation on enforcement cases at the 2015 CPLG meeting. The purpose of improving the enforcement cooperation among APEC-wide economies is not only to create a level playing field in response to APEC ANSSR priority areas, but also to enhance the fairness and transparency of competition law enforcement.