

Conference on Building “Friends of Competition” in India

Thursday, 24th November, 2011 ■ Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

DRAFT AGENDA

0900-0930 Hrs. Registration, tea/Coffee and networking

0930-1045 Hrs.

Speakers

Welcome address

Pradeep S Mehta, Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition

Key Challenges in Enforcement of Competition Law in India

Ashok Chawla, Chairman, Competition Commission of India

Competition Policy Reforms in Australia

Peter Varghese, Australian High Commissioner to India

Keynote Address

Creating Friends of Competition: the Role of Stakeholders

William Kovacic, Professor, George Washington University

Inaugural Address

The Comprehensive Need for Implementing an Effective Competition Regime

M Veerappa Moily, Minister of Corporate Affairs

Vote of Thanks

Bhaskar Chatterjee, Director General, IICA

1045-1115 Hrs.

Tea break

1115-1300 Hrs.

Competition Law and Competition Policy

Chair: Dhanendra Kumar, Chairman, Committee for National Competition Policy

Speakers:

Engaging Civil Society in Competition Reforms: Experiences from the Developing World

Pradeep S Mehta, Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition

Competition Issues and Public Pain

Geeta Gouri, Member, Competition Commission of India*

Role of Evidence in Competition Reforms: The Australian Experience

Allan Fels, former Chairman, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Engaging in Competition Policy Discourse: the Industry Perspective

Ashok Gupta, Group Legal Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, Aditya Birla Group*

Questions and answers

1300-1400 Hrs.

Lunch break

1400-1600 Hrs.

Expanding the Frontiers of Competition

Chair: William Kovacic, Professor, George Washington University

Speakers:

Creating Competition Culture: Australian Experience

Alan Fels, ANZ School of Governance

Sectoral Regulators and Stakeholder Engagement

J S Sarma, Chairman, TRAI*

Engaging in Competition Policy Discourse: the SME Perspective

Anil Gupta, President, Indian Industries Association*

Infusing Competition Culture at State and sub-State Level

Arvind Mayaram, Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Rural Development*

1600 – 1630 Hrs.

Tea

1630-1730 Hrs.

Valedictory Session:

Chair: Hon'ble Justice Arijit Pasayat, Chairperson, Competition Appellate Tribunal*

William Kovacic, Professor, George Washington University

Alan Fels, ANZ School of Governance

Dhanendra Kumar, Chairman, Committee for National Competition Policy

Bhaskar Chatterjee, Director General, IICA

Valedictory address:

R.P.N. Singh, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs*

Vote of Thanks:

Pradeep S Mehta, Chairman, CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition

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