

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The BIAC Competition Committee informs and encourages senior regulators and antitrust enforcers to act consistently and proportionately in accordance with due process and best practice, with respect to the objectives of effective enforcement of competition laws. Its primary objective is maintenance of business competitiveness and the efficient operation of markets with a minimum necessary level of regulatory intervention across all business sectors.

KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

- Harmonization of Merger Control Procedures
- International Anti-Trust Co-operation
- Protection of Confidential Information in Antitrust Co-operation
- Anti-Cartel Enforcement
- Trade and Competition Linkages

2015 PRIORITIES

- Contribute papers and reflect business views to the OECD Roundtable discussions of the OECD Competition Committee, and its working parties on competition and regulation (WP2); International Co-operation and Enforcement (WP3).
- Continue dialogues with the OECD Competition Committee and its Working Parties as relevant on the issue of agency co-operation at the international level.
- Participate to the annual OECD Global Forum on Competition, which addresses competition policy issues in the development context.
- Address competition policy issues as it intersects with other policy areas i.e. consumer policy, Intellectual property rights issues (IPR), innovation, green growth, trade and investment.

BUSINESS RELEVANCE

- The BIAC Competition Committee includes senior business experts in Antitrust from multinational co-operation and law firms (at general Counsel and partner level across all sectors), and BIAC Member federation experts in competition policy.
- OECD proceedings on competition issues include the perspectives submitted by BIAC advocating open competitive markets for trade and investment.

POLICY GROUP STRUCTURE

Chair

Ms. Lynda Martin Alegi, Of Counsel, Competition and Trade Department, Baker & McKenzie (United Kingdom)

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Mr. Wolfgang Kopf, Deutsche Telekom AG (Germany), Mr. Paul Lugard, Baker Botts LLP (Netherlands), Mr. Paolo Palmigiano, Sumitomo Electric Industries (United Kingdom), Mr. John Taladay, Baker Botts LLP (United States), Ms. Anne Perrot (MAPP)

OECD Engagement

OECD Competition Committee (CLP)

OECD CLP Working Party 2 on Competition and Regulation

OECD CLP Working Party 3 on Co-operation and Enforcement

The BIAC Competition Committee meets with the OECD 2 times a year in Paris and develops BIAC positions on competition topics address by OECD via conference calls and e-mail exchange.

BIAC members participate to specific OECD projects and meetings related to competition policy.