## Virtual Meeting of the Heads of the BRICS Competition Authorities 23 July 2020

Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Chairperson, CCI, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, Adviser (Law), International Cooperation Division and Mr. Kamal Sultanpuri, Deputy Director (Law), International Cooperation Division participated in the online meeting of the Heads of the BRICS Competition Authorities on 23 July 2020.

The meeting saw the presence of Mr. Alexandre Barreto de Souza, President, Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil, Mr. Igor Artemiev, Head, Federal Antimonopoly Service, Russia, Ms Gan Lin, Vice Minister, State Administration for Market Regulation, China and Mr Tembinkosi Bonakele, Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa. During the meeting, extension of the BRICS Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Competition Law and Policy for an openend period was announced.

During the meeting the BRICS Competition Authorities announced release of a joint statement on consolidating efforts to combat the negative economic consequences of COVID-19.