

Chairperson, CCI participated in 7th UN Conference to review the UN Set on Competition Policy

The Chairperson, Competition Commission of India (CCI) participated in seventh United Nations conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (UN Set) during July 6-10, 2015 in Geneva.

The UN Set is a multilateral agreement on competition policy that provides a set of equitable rules for the control of anti-competitive practices, recognizes the development dimension of competition law and policy and provides a framework for international operation and exchange of best practices. The UN Set on competition policy, has been main mandate of UNCTAD's work on competition law and policy since its adoption in 1980. Over the years, it has been inspiration for developing countries for adopting competition law and policy.

Every five years since the adoption of the United Nations Set, a Review Conference has been held, providing an occasion for heads and senior officials of competition authorities, to establish direct contact and networking among themselves for voluntary cooperation and the exchange of best practices.

During the conference, Chairperson was on a panel of experts which reviewed the competition law and policy of Fiji and Papua New Guinea. Peer Review is identified as a useful tool for exchange of experiences and cooperation on competition law and policy.

Chairperson also addressed the "Roundtable on the Role of Competition in the Pharmaceutical Sector and its Benefits for Consumers". A written contribution was also made by the CCI in this roundtable.

The conference emphasized on the continuing need of technical cooperation and research in the field of competition and consumer protection issues. The UN conference concluded with resolution on strengthening the implementation of the UN Set.

Conference website: <http://unctad.org/en/conferences/UN-Set/7th-Review/Pages/home.aspx>