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CCP's Int'l Moot concludes

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On May 30, a workshop for CCP's enforcement staff was

divided around three roundtables. Roundtable The first OD 'Deceptive Marketing Hampering Fair Trade' was addressed by CCP Member Dr Shahzad Ansar, Helpline Trust, Karachi Founder Trustee Hamid Maker, Consumer Forum, Karachi Chairperson Dr Huma Bukhari, and a representative of the Consumer Association of Pakistan. The roundtable discussed marketing practices, which hamper fair trade and examined whether such practices could be curbed under Section 10 of the Competition Act.

The Roundtable 2, 'Scent of a Cartel!' was addressed by Emeritus Professor Connor, SCWP Schindhlem, Brussels and Vienna Partner Dr Christina Hummer, Daina, and ACTE-CON Consulting, Turkey Partner Dr M Fevzi Toksoy. The roundtable discussed some of the common symptoms present in a new and a chronic cartel and shared experiences from across participant countries and to draw a list of indicators showing presence of a cartel.

Roundtable The 3. 'Distorting Competition: Policy Directives and Executive Orders' was addressed by Prof Janda, CCP Member Mueen Batlay, Baker Botts, USA Partner Charles Webb; and others. The roundtable discussed the exemption or reduction in the levy of import and other regulatory duties to some firms thus creating skewed level-playing field and distorting competition among firms placed on same footing.

The EU Ambassador and Head of Delegation to Pakistan, Lars-Gunnar Wigemark attended the conference on May 29 while the Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Pakistan, Pierre Mayaudon attended the workshop on May 30. They appreciated CCP for taking the initiative to organise the International Conference and bring together such high profile competition law experts from around the world. They said the EU always backed such initiatives and would continue the collaboration with CCP. STAFF REPORT

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On 29 May, the Conference was divided around four technical sessions. The session on "Nexus between Competition Regime and Trade and Investment" was addressed by Professor Richard Janda, Professor of Law, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, Professor William Kovacic, Professor, George Washington University, USA, Dr. Joseph Wilson, Member, CCP, Ali Salman, Executive Director, Policy Research Institute of Market Economy, Islamabad.

The Session on "Public Procurement: Creating a Level-playing Field" was ad-dressed by Professor William Kovacic, Theodore Voorhees, Partner, Covington & Burling, LLP; President, Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association, USA, Ratnesh Nandan Sahay, Advisor, Competition Commission of India, Dr Gabriele Herlemann, Judge, Public Procurement Tribunal, the German Competition Authority, and Ikram Qureshi, Director General, CCP. h



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ISLAMABAD: Group photo of delegates taken on the occasion of the international conference "The Role of Competition in Fostering Trade and Investment," organized by the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP), in collaboration of European Union Delegation to Pakistan, here on Thursday,

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