

JOINT DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION POLICY BETWEEN THE FEDERAL ANTIMONOPOLY SERVICE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND ITALIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY

The Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation and the Italian Competition Authority (hereinafter – Parties) recognizing the importance of enhancing cooperation in the field of competition policy and considering mutual interest on strengthening cooperation between the two Parties with respect to sovereignty and independence of their states, in accordance with international commitments of the states and national legislation, declare their intention to consider the following initiatives:

1. Cooperation in the field of competition policy between the Parties (hereinafter – Cooperation) will be exercised on the basis of the Memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of competition policy between the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation and the Italian Competition Authority dated April 18, 2012.

2. Cooperation will be exercised by exchanging views on how to improve the competition legislation of the States of the Parties as well as establish fair competition conditions in socially sensitive markets of common interest.

3. Parties decided to identify the following socially sensitive markets as priority directions for further cooperation:

- telecommunications;
- pharmacy and healthcare;
- construction and renovation;
- internet technologies;
- retail/distributive network;
- financial markets;
- food;
- and other sectors of common interest.

4. With a view to enhancing cooperation, Parties may establish joint Working Groups in order to research on competition issues in socially sensitive markets of common interest.

5. Parties will exchange non-confidential information on relevant issues in the field of competition policy and law enforcement.

6. Parties will exchange publications on the latest changes of competition legislation and law enforcement.

7. Parties will mutually send scientific papers of officials, experts and employees of the Parties, published in collections of scientific publications of their countries in paper and electronic formats.

8. Cooperation between the Parties will be exercised via teleconferences and meetings in the framework of Working Groups and during international events attended by the Parties.

9. Parties might involve representatives of the legal, academic or business communities into the cooperation process where reasonable.

10. Parties will hold joint events on issues of common interest, where reasonable also together with representatives of the legal, academic or business communities of their countries.

11. The present Declaration shall not be considered as an international treaty and does not establish any rights or obligations on the Parties, which are regulated by international law.

12. Application of the present Declaration will be based on friendly spirit and mutual will on achieving common solutions.

Signed in Moscow on September 27, 2016 in two copies, each of them drafted both in Russian and English languages.

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