



RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE  
de la **Autorité**  
de la **concurrence**



**Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation**  
**between**  
**the Federal Antimonopoly Service (the Russian Federation)**  
**and the French Autorité de la concurrence**

The Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation, on the one side,  
and

The French Autorité de la Concurrence, on the other side,  
hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties",

Expressing the wish to promote cooperation in the field of competition policy,

Aiming at the creation of favourable conditions for the development of  
bilateral cooperation, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit,

Highlighting the defining role of competition policy in promoting the effective  
development of market economy of the Parties' States,

Have reached understanding on the following:

**1. Purpose of the Memorandum**

The purpose of the present Memorandum will be to strengthen cooperation  
between the Parties in the field of competition legislation and law enforcement, as  
well as in the area of competition advocacy.

**2. Cooperation on general matters**

As regards cooperation on general issues of competition policy, the Parties'  
initiatives shall, *inter alia*, and subject to their reasonably available resources,  
comprise the following:

1. the organisation of seminars, fora, courses and other similar events;
2. the organisation of study visits;
3. receiving interns;
4. making available to each other information related to legislation, decisions, case law, procedural notices, annual reports, and other publicly available relevant material.

### **3. Consultations**

Should a Party inform the other Party that activities conducted by the latter may be of interest to the former in its application of competition law, it may request the informed Party to hold consultations in connection with these activities.

Should a Party express its interest in holding such consultations, the other Party will make its best effort to arrange for these.

### **4. Meetings**

The Parties will endeavour, when needed, to conduct meetings in order to:

- discuss current issues, experiences and new developments of mutual interest with respect to competition legislation, law enforcement and competition advocacy, as well as on other issues in the framework of the present Memorandum:

- exchange non-confidential information on general issues pertaining to competition policy;

- exchange views with respect to multilateral initiatives in the field of competition policy.

The Parties will take advantage of the opportunities to meet within the framework of international events in which they both take part.

### **5. Confidentiality**

Each Party recognises the necessity to ensure confidentiality of all information communicated by the other Party in the framework of the present Memorandum in accordance with their national legislations.

## **6. Financial conditions**

All expenses including expenses for travel, meals, and accommodation of the Parties' representatives in the territory of the State of the receiving Party in the framework of the participation of such representatives in different events and meetings under the present Memorandum shall be covered by the sending Party.

## **7. Final provisions**

The present Memorandum shall enter into force from the date of its signing by both Parties.

The present Memorandum is subject to termination by either Party upon six-month prior written notification.

Obligations of the Parties regarding the confidentiality of information received in the framework of the present Memorandum shall continue to be binding after its termination.

The present Memorandum shall not affect the rights and obligations arising out of any other cooperation memoranda entered into by the Parties.

Any amendment to the present Memorandum shall be made by mutual agreement of the Parties in the written form, executed as a protocol and signed by both Parties.

The present Memorandum does not establish nor purport to establish any legal rights and obligations between the Parties.

Signed on February 16, 2012 in Paris, in two original copies, each in English, French, and Russian, all being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation of the present Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

For the Federal Antimonopoly Service  
(the Russian Federation)

For the French Autorité de la  
concurrence