## Programme on Cooperation between the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation and the Administrative Council for Economic Defence of the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil for 2014-2015

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

the Administrative Council for Economic Defence (CADE) of the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on the other part,

hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

aiming to implement the Agreement on Cooperation in the sphere of competition policy between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to as Agreement on Cooperation), signed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2001, approve the present Programme on Cooperation for 2014-2015 (hereinafter referred to as Programme on Cooperation).

- 1. For the purposes of implementation of the provisions of the Article 4 of the Agreement on Cooperation, the Parties will provide:
- a) Exchange of legislative acts, informational and methodological materials, in accordance with legislation of their States, including provision of:
- texts of laws and other legal acts on principal directions of the Parties' activity;
- methodological recommendations on principal directions of the Parties' activity;
  - statistic and information data on the Parties' activity.

- b) Provision of methodological assistance, exchange of research results and holding consultations, including:
  - render methodological assistance at the request of any of the Parties;
- exchange of experience during the conduction of investigations related to the violations of competition legislation;
  - render consultative assistance at the request of any of the Parties;
- provide available information on the activities of economic entities of one Party in the territory of the other Party, if such activity may negatively affect competition in the territory of the other Party.

Provision of the above mentioned information will be carried out on the basis of a request submitted by one of the Parties, which will include the purpose of the requested information and a description of the circumstances of the case, as well as any relevant documents.

At the request of one of the Parties, the other Party will provide information on interpretation of its competition law. The Parties will use the information only for the purposes stated in the request.

The requested information will be provided within the time agreed by both Parties, preferably within forty five (45) days from the date of receipt of the request. The Party receiving the request will inform the other Party as soon as possible on circumstances which could cause non-observance of the given period.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the present Programme on Cooperation, neither Party is required to communicate information to the other Party if such communication is prohibited by the laws of the Party possessing the information or would be incompatible with that Party's important interests.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, each Party shall, in full, maintain the confidentiality of any information transferred to it by the other Party in confidence within the frameworks of the present Programme on Cooperation. Each Party shall prevent the disclosure of such confidential information to the third parties, using herewith all measures permitted by the Party's legislation.

- c) Inviting of specialists for participation in training programmes, including:
- receive specialists of the other Party with the aim of exchange of experience;
- follow the principle that the visiting Party will cover all costs related to the visit of its experts, including travel costs, accommodation and meals.
  - d) Holding of bilateral symposia, conferences and seminars, including:
- invite representatives of the other Party to participate in symposiums, conferences and seminars on competition policy organised by the Parties in 2014-2015;
- follow the principle that the visiting Party will cover all costs related to the visit of its experts, including travel costs, accommodation and meals.
- 2. Interaction between the Parties within the present Programme on Cooperation will be conducted in English.

3. If necessary, the Parties will hold additional consultations on issues concerning

the process of implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation and the present

Programme on Cooperation.

4. The present Programme on Cooperation shall not be considered as an

international treaty and does not create any rights or obligations governed by

international law.

5. The two Parties will apply the provisions of the present Programme on

Cooperation on a voluntary basis.

6. The present Programme on Cooperation will be valid from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January,

2014, until 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015. Uncompleted activities will be taken into

consideration in the preparation of the Programme on Cooperation for the next

period.

7. Regarding the transparency and the publicity, CADE shall publish in Brazilian

Federal Gazette a summary of the present Programme on Cooperation, no later

than on the fifth business day of the month following the signature. The Federal

Antimonopoly Service may also do the same, by the means it deems most

convenient.

Signed in Paris on February 26, 2014, in two original copies each in Russian,

Portuguese and English. In case of divergence of interpretation of text of the

present Programme on Cooperation, the English text shall prevail

For the Federal

**Antimonopoly Service** 

(Russian Federation)

For the Administrative Council

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**Economic Defence** 

(Federative Republic of Brazil)