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Dear Mr. Sharma,

I would like to thank you for your interest in UNCTAD's work carried out under the Research Partnership Platform (RPP). We received your request to become our partner in this Platform.

As you may be aware, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is the focal point within the United Nations system for competition law and policy, and consumer protection issues, with special focus on the needs of developing countries and economies in transition in this area. Considering the important role of research and policy analysis in the development of appropriate policies and legislation responding to the challenges faced in the area of competition and consumer protection, UNCTAD created the Research Partnership Platform (RPP) in 2010. UNCTAD RPP is an initiative that aims at contributing to the development of best practices in the formulation and effective enforcement of competition and consumer protection laws and policies so as to promote economic development.

The RPP brings together research institutions, universities, competition authorities, business and civil society. It provides a platform where partners can undertake joint research and other activities with UNCTAD; disseminate the results of their own work; and exchange ideas on the issues and challenges in the area of competition and consumer protection, particularly those faced by developing countries and economies in transition. The role of UNCTAD is to facilitate and provide guidance on the research and analysis, as well as provide the platform venue for activities to be undertaken by RPP members. UNCTAD will benefit from the research findings when responding to the challenges faced by developing countries through its technical assistance and capacity building programme. Currently, UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform hosts over sixty-five institutions consisting of research institutes, universities, non-governmental organizations, corporate affiliates and competition agencies.

I am very pleased to have the Centre for Competition Law and Policy at National Law University Jodhpur join the RPP as a specialized research and policy oriented institution. I believe that such cooperation between the two institutions will contribute to developing ideas and joint research work in the area of competition law and policy.

I would like to invite you to participate in the seventh meeting of the RPP to be held on 19 October 2016 at Palais des Nations, Geneva. The work programme will be sent to all RPP members in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,


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