

Competition-related extracts from the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part

**Council and Commission Decision
of 31 May 1999**

(99/515/EC, ECSC, Euratom)¹

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TITLE V

LEGISLATIVE COOPERATION

Article 43

1. The Parties recognise that an important condition for strengthening the economic links between Georgia and the Community is the approximation of Georgia's existing and future legislation to that of the Community. Georgia shall endeavour to ensure that its legislation will be gradually made compatible with that of the Community.

2. The approximation of laws shall extend to the following areas in particular: laws and regulations governing investments by companies, customs law, company law, banking law, company accounts and taxes, intellectual property, protection of workers at the workplace, financial services, rules on competition, public procurement, protection of health and life of humans, animals and plants, the environment, consumer protection, indirect taxation, technical rules and standards, nuclear laws and regulations and transport.

3. The Community shall provide Georgia with technical assistance for the implementation of these measures, which may include, inter alia:

- the exchange of experts,
- the provision of early information especially on relevant legislation,
- organisation of seminars,
- training activities,
- aid for translation of Community legislation in the relevant sectors.

¹ OJ L 205, 4.8.1999, p. 1.

Article 44

1. Further to Article 43, the Community shall provide Georgia with technical assistance regarding the formulation and implementation of legislation in the field of competition, in particular as concerns:

- agreements and associations between undertakings and concerted practices which may have the effect of preventing, restricting or distorting competition,
- abuse by undertakings of a dominant position in the market,
- State aids which have the effect of distorting competition,
- State monopolies of a commercial character,
- public undertakings and undertakings with special or exclusive rights,
- review and supervision of the application of competition laws and means of ensuring compliance with them.

2. The Parties agree to examine ways to apply their respective competition laws on a concerted basis in such cases where trade between them is affected.

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