



VIA EMAIL

April 9, 2015

Mr. Roger Charland Competition Bureau 50 Victoria Street Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0C9

Re: The Competition Bureau's Action Plan on Transparency

Dear Mr. Charland:

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce applauds the release of the Competition Bureau's *Action Plan on Transparency*, recognizing the importance of developing a more cost-effective, efficient and responsible agency.

We have stressed that transparency continues to be a priority for the Canadian Chamber, and the *Action Plan* enables the Bureau to publicly communicate its annual priorities and develop guidance on investigation and stakeholder communications in an effective manner.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the Commissioner of Competition continue to enhance the transparency and predictability of the interpretation and enforcement of the *Competition Act* through issuance of Policy Statements, ensuring full and open consultation with stakeholders to permit meaningful dialogue by all interested parties. We have additionally called for the Bureau to evaluate and carry out its communications strategy in a manner that is consistent with transparency objectives yet fair to parties in enforcement proceedings.

Developing guidance on investigation and stakeholder communications is significant for several of our members, and we thank you for outlining the Bureau's future commitment to enhance communication with parties of certain enforcement activities about issues and timelines.

Again, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce welcomes the Competition Bureau's implementation of the *Action Plan on Transparency*. We will continue to support the Bureau's commitment to transparency, and we look forward to participating in future consultations.

Sincerely,

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