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## **SA, BRAZIL COMPETITION AUTHORITIES SIGN MOU TO BOLSTER ENFORCEMENT**

Today in France the Competition Commission of South Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Administrative Council for Economic Defense of Brazil (CADE) to strengthen competition law enforcement between the two BRICS countries.

The signing ceremony took place on the sidelines of the 15th Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Global Forum on Competition in Paris where more than 100 competition agencies from across the world are gathering to discuss competition law, enforcement and policy related issues.

The MOU will boost bilateral relations on competition law and policy matters between the Commission and CADE, formalising an already-existing relationship of mutual cooperation and support.

According to the MOU, which will remain in force for four years, cooperation may include:

- (a) Coordinating enforcement activities concerning the same or related cases, where possible;
- (b) Exchanging non-confidential information relating to competition policy, investigations, multilateral competition initiatives and competition advocacy;
- (c) Technical cooperation initiatives including staff exchanges and capacity building activities such as seminars and training workshops; and
- (d) Providing assistance where anti-competitive actions carried out in one country may affect the other.

South Africa and Brazil believe that competition law is vital for promoting economic growth and consumer welfare. The BRICS partners are confident that cooperation in terms of the MOU will contribute towards improving the effectiveness of competition law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.

Competition Commissioner, Tembinkosi Bonakele, says: "There's already strong collaboration between us and our BRICS counterparts, and this agreement reinforces our relationship with the Brazilian authorities. We will work together to intensify enforcement against global and cross-border anti-competitive conduct."

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