Economic Justice coalition

Minutes of the first NRG meeting held in Mozambique

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Opening Remarks

The chair (research partner mr. Alberto Bila) welcomed members of the reference group and invited the advocacy partner representative of EJC mr.

Viriato Tamele to make the opening remarks. The further briefed to the members on the Project and progress made regard to the PCP (Preliminary Country paper) Speaking on the activities at the Project, informed members that a competition policy and law should bring benefits to people more directly whether as consumers, works, small entrappers or recipients of government-funded services. This encourages innovation, reduce costs and increases national competitiveness – all of which are crucial for productivity and growth.

In taking the speech the national Director of International relation of the Ministry of Trade and Industry also welcomed the members and shared to them that the competition policy and law requires their collaboration and the government opened to share point of views with the members.

Progress Report on the NRG meeting

The research partner highlighted the PCP. Discussing the PCP, the members noted that with regard with the high turn over in the regional trade, the problem will be not so much heavy for Mozambican market, but rather in the problem that arise from lock of institutional authority responsible and proper the competition regime in the country. Another member the recalled numerous discussions around this problem. He advised that the members have a responsibility to ensure that the government is sharing their suggestions associated with regime of competition in Mozambique and other regulators procedures must be reviewed because he considered that are anti-competitive and constituted constraints for enterprise development.

Other member shared the experience of this company facing anti-competitive practices in telecommunication sector where because of absence of competition to overcome others companies by bid rigging, unfair trade practices etc.

Members agreed that the advocacy that is being undertaken for this project has an important role to play in this. Also the members noted that this NRG meeting is an effective way to enhance the capacity of civil society and private sector to advocate more effectively for competition reforms.

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