Vietnam Competition Authority

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Dear Alice,

We are pleased to respond to CUTS's request to provide a brief and objective feedback regarding the organization's participation in and contribution to the SECO/COMCO-supported project on "Strengthening the Competition Authorities in Vietnam" (2009-2012) as follows:

- 1. CUTS in general and CUTS Hanoi specifically have always been considered a close partner of VCA in Vietnam concerning both competition and consumer protection fields. The organization is one of the best institutions in Vietnam which possess technical expertise in the area of competition policy and law and consumer protection. The physical presence of CUTS in Vietnam is considered a valuable and strong ally for the competition authorities in promoting a healthy competition culture in the country.
- 2. With regards to the Project of the Switzerland Government "Strengthening the capacity for Vietnam competition authorities" which supports VCA and other stakeholders in Vietnam on both competition and consumer protection issue, we appreciate the support provided by CUTS in undertaking advocacy programs as well as technical studies in these two areas in Vietnam, within and beyond the framework of the aforementioned project and would be pleased to continue the cooperation in the future.
- 3. Especially, articles written by CUTS for our Newsletter "Competition and Consumer protection" were highly appreciated by readers through their feedbacks to VCA. It is also noted that lecturers in universities who participated at the course in Halong responded to VCA that the training course was beneficial lots for them during the preparation of the curriculum on the subject matter.

With all views on contributions from CUTS to the said project as well as to the performance of VCA during the year, we truly hope that we will continue our fruitful cooperation in the coming times.

With best regards,

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