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Working Party on Competition Presidency Flash 20 November 2023

Dear colleagues,

You are kindly invited to the second meeting of the Working Party on Competition under the Spanish Presidency. The meeting will be held in Brussels on 20 November, and it will be a half-day meeting (10:00 to 13:00). As usual, interpretation will be provided.

The meeting will start with a discussion on the recent developments regarding the application of the Foreign Subsidies Regulation, which started to apply on 12 July, with the notification obligation applicable as of 12 October. This point of the agenda will begin with a presentation by the Commission on the state of play of the Regulation, including an update on the meeting with national contact points on 24 October. After that, delegations will be asked to join a policy discussion about national developments regarding the implementation of the Foreign Subsidies Regulation, based on a Presidency background paper which has been sent to the delegations (Doc. WK 14969/23).

The next point on the agenda the Commission will update delegations on the evaluation process of Regulation 1/2003. Since almost 20 years have passed since its entry into force, and in light of changes to the economic landscape that have taken place since then, the Commission is carrying out an evaluation of this regulatory framework. Under this point of the agenda, the Commission will update delegations on the more recent steps taken in this evaluation process, in particular on the results of the <u>public consultation of 2022</u>, the <u>interactive workshop of 12 October</u> and the draft final study report on the evaluation.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 20 November,