MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICY BETWEEN THE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AND THE STATE ADMINISTRATION FOR MARKET REGULATION OF THE PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of the Republic of Armenia (CCPC) and the State Administration for Market Regulation of the People's Republic of China (SAMR) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually referred to as the "Party"),

ACKNOWLEDGING their respective achievements in the field of competition,

RECOGNIZING that mutual cooperation may result in a more effective implementation of competition law and policy in their respective countries;

NOTING that the sound and effective enforcement of competition law is a matter of importance to the efficient operation of the markets of their respective countries, the promotion of consumer welfare and bilateral trade;

CONSIDERING that it is their common interest to cooperate to the extent consistent with their respective national legislation, interests and reasonably available resources;

RECOGNIZING that each Party will act in the performance of its functions and duties pursuant to the national legislation of its country;

BASED on the principles of equality and mutual benefit;

HAVE reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE OF COOPERATION AND DEFINITION

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter - "MoU") is to promote cooperation between the Parties in the field of competition.

2. For the purposes of this MoU, the following terms will apply:

(a)the term 'competition law' means:

i. in relation to CCPC, the Law "On Protection of Economic Competition Consumer Interests" of the Republic of Armenia and its implementing regulations; and

ii. in relation to SAMR, the Antimonopoly Law of the People's Republic of China and its implementing regulations as well as any amendments thereto;

(b)the term 'anti-competitive activities' means any conduct or transaction that are stipulated by respective competition legislation of the States of the Parties.

3. Cooperation will be carried out in accordance with the respective national legislation of the States of the Parties.

ARTICLE 2
COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION

1. The cooperation between the Parties under this MoU shall be conducted within the scope of reasonably available resources, in a manner which is compatible with the laws and crucial interests of the Parties, and shall primarily take the following forms:

(a)exchange of information and opinions on issues of mutual interest, such as the latest developments in legislation and enforcement, experiences on competition law enforcement and specialized studies;

(b)technical cooperation for the purpose of enhancing each Party's competition policy and law enforcement capability through training programmes, workshops and research collaboration;

(c)notification prior to or after the law enforcement against the anti-competitive activities that may have an effect on the other Party and response to the related questions;

(d)coordination and cooperation in law enforcement, if necessary, when the Parties are involved in mutually related cases.

2. To facilitate effective communication, the Parties have designated the following contact points:

For CCPC: International Cooperation and Public Relations Division, International Cooperation and Policy Development Department (email: info@competition.am);

For SAMR: International Cooperation Division, Competition Policy Coordination Department (email: icam@samr.gov.cn).

3. Communication between the Parties may be carried out by telephone, e-mail, video conferences, meetings, or other means, as appropriate.

ARTICLE 3
CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The communication of any information pursuant to this MoU will be at the discretion of each Party.

2. Each Party will, without prejudice to national legislation of the States of the Parties, maintain the confidentiality of any information provided by the other Party under this MoU.

3. Notwithstanding any other paragraphs of this MoU, no Party is required to provide any information to the other Party if doing so would be contrary to the laws, regulations or policies of the requested Party's country, or if providing such information is incompatible with the requested Party's interests.

4. Information, other than publicly available information, provided by a Party to the other Party under this MoU will be used by the receiving Party only for the purpose of the effective enforcement of its competition law and will not be communicated by the receiving Party to any other authority or third Party unless written consent from the providing Party is provided.

ARTICLE 4
ORGANIZATION OF ACTIVITIES

1. The agenda, place and other elements of activities, shall be individually established by the Parties by mutual agreement.

2. Each Party will bear its own expenses with regard to the implementation of this MoU, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 5
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes regarding the scope, interpretation and implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Parties and not be submitted to any court or third party.

ARTICLE 6
BINDING FORCE

This MoU is not an international agreement and does not create for the Parties any rights and obligations under public international law.

ARTICLE 7
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. This MoU will enter into force at the date of signature and will remain in effect indefinitely.

2. Either Party may terminate this MoU by notifying the other Party of its intention to terminate this MoU by a notice in writing, through diplomatic channels, at least three (3) months prior to the date of the intended termination.

3. Amendments and additions may be introduced to this MoU upon mutual consent of the Parties, which shall be formed as separate documents. The documents formed thereby, shall constitute an integral part of this MoU and

shall enter into force in accordance with Article 7 Point 1 of this MoU.

4. If necessary, the Parties may establish detailed rules for the implementation of this MoU.

SIGNED on August 31, 2025 in Beijing in two original copies, each in the Armenian, Chinese and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of the Republic of Armenia	For the State Administration for Market Regulation of the People's Republic of China