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**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE COMESA COMPETITION COMMISSION SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS WITH NEWLY ESTABLISHED COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCIES OF LIBYA AND ZIMBABWE**

**A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNCIL OF COMPETITION AND ANTI-TRUST OF LIBYA**

On 13 September 2023, the COMESA Competition Commission (“CCC”) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (‘MoU’) with the Council of Competition and Anti-Trust of Libya.



The Council of Competition and Anti-Trust of Libya is a newly established competition authority set up under Law No. 7-2023 of Libya, which law amends Law No. 23-2010. The MOU seeks to, among others, harmonize the respective competition and consumer protection laws and policies of the two institutions; the implementation of the respective competition and consumer protection laws and policies to foster effective enforcement; and to create a platform for discussion of emerging trends and sharing international best practices on competition and consumer protection.

The MoU signed between the CCC and the Council of Competition and Anti-Trust of Libya will create a platform for the two institutions to; exchange information related to competition policy and consumer protection enforcement; to coordinate and cooperate in enforcement activities; undertake technical assistance and capacity building; collaborate on joint investigations; share expertise; undertake joint advocacy and awareness activities to raise consciousness about the benefits of competition and consumer protection in Libya and which will ultimately impact and benefit the COMESA Region.

## B. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION OF ZIMBABWE

On 13 October 2023, the COMESA Competition Commission (“CCC”) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (‘MoU’) with the Consumer Protection Commission of Zimbabwe at the Commission’s Premises in Malawi.



The Consumer Protection Commission of Zimbabwe is a newly established consumer protection authority set up under the Consumer Protection Act [Chapter 14:14] of Zimbabwe. The MOU seeks to, among others, to implement the consumer protection laws of the two institutions in order to foster effective enforcement including the review of laws; development of capacity building and technical assistance to enhance effective enforcement of the laws; conducting joint investigations to enhance enforcement; information sharing to enhance consumer protection in Zimbabwe and the COMESA Region.

During the signing ceremony, the two institutions recognized their already existing collaboration which will be buttressed by the signed MOU. They recognized the recent joint celebration of the World Consumer Rights Day in 2023. The CCC also recognized despite the Consumer Protection Commission of Zimbabwe having been recently set up, it was robust in the enforcement of consumer protection in Zimbabwe.



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