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PRESS RELEASE

**Agreement of Cooperation between the Hellenic Competition Authority
and the Albanian Competition Authority**

A delegation of the Albanian Competition Authority headed by the President Ms L. Milo, has visited the Hellenic Competition Commission (H.C.C.) on 14 and 15 December 2006 and the President Mr. S. Zissimopoulos. The meeting has taken place at the premises of the H.C.C. and its main purpose was to strengthen the cooperation between the two Authorities. During the visit of the Albanian Competition Authority the Directorate General presented cases concerned concentrations, abuse of dominant position and mergers.

A Protocol of Co-operation has been signed by the Presidents of the two Authorities.

More specifically the areas of cooperation are the following:

- ◆ Exchange of information about new decisions.
- ◆ Exchange of information, within the limits of the legislative framework of each country, for companies which through their trans-border activities restrict competition.
- ◆ Organization of seminars, visits, and stage programmes with the purpose of transferring know-how and expertise.
- ◆ Implementation of joint programmes.
- ◆ Organization of common conferences and other activities within the areas of mutual interest of the two Authorities.
- ◆ Creation of a Permanent Contact Commission, responsible for the implementation of the joint activities.