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MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TRADE

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The Ministry of Domestic and Foreign Trade has submitted to the Commission for the Protection of Competition the Proposal of the Consumer Protection Strategy Action Plan for the period 2019-2024, for the period from 2023 to 2024, for the purpose of giving an opinion.

Pursuant to Article 22 of the Law on Protection of Competition ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", number 51/09 and 95/13), the Commission Council at its 125st session held on June 09, 2022 brings the following

OPINION

The Consumer Protection Strategy Action Plan for the period 2019-2024 ("Official Gazette of the Republic Serbia" no.93/19), the Commission for the Protection of Competition (hereinafter: the Commission) is designated as an interested party in the part that concerns the harmonization of national legislation in the field of consumer protection with European legislation, which follows the requirements of the modern market.

The proposal of the action plan of the Consumer Protection Strategy for the period 2019-2024, for the period from 2023 to 2024 (hereinafter: Action Plan Proposal), in the part of the special objective 1.1: Improved protection of consumer rights and interests, measure: 1.1.1: Improvement of existing legislation in the field of consumer protection, the Commission has been designated as a partner body in the implementation of activities related to the harmonization of national regulations in the field of consumer protection with European legislation that follows the requirements of the modern market.

Within the same special objective and measure, the activity "1.1.1.4: Formation of a working group for the drafting of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Consumer Protection and rafting of the Draft Law", and the following bodies are designated as partners in the implementation of this activity: Ministry of Mining and Energy, Ministry of Tourism and Youth, Ministry of Information and Telecommunications, RATEL and associations for consumer protection. Bearing in mind the role of the Commission defined by the Strategy, it would be purposeful to designate the Commission as a partner

body in the implementation of this activity, in which case the Commission's contribution could be more significant.

Apart from the above, the Commission for the Protection of Competition has no other suggestions or objections to the submitted Action Plan Proposal.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Čedomir Radojčić, Council Member, duly