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2. AGENDA TOPICS

1. HISTORY OF COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY
2. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
3. ADVOCACY and AWARENESS
4. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
5. CAPACITY BUILDING
6. CHALLENGES
5. HISTORY (LAW & POLICY)

- First draft of Competition Law in Palestine was in 2003.

- 2010 An Amendments has been done to the competition draft law.

- 2011, Palestine preparations to join WTO as an observer ship member.

- 2012, Competition draft Law has been submitted to the Ministerial meeting, (Legislative Plan )

- 2013, The competition draft law has entered the first and second reading.
6. Institutional framework

- General Directorate within the ministry of National Economy consist of three main departments as follows:
  - market studies and policies department
  - Complaints and investigations department
  - Department of information and communications
7. Awareness and Advocacy

- Palestine adopte the open market Policy.
- Palestine signed number of FTA,s, with ( EU, US, EFTA STATES, MERCOSOUR, TURKY, ARAB GREATEST F.T. AREA,... )
- Awareness raising competition workshops and conferenices for public and private sector and the other relative institutions.
- Recently the academic institutions start teaching competition for the economic and law students.
8. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- 2013 up till now Palestine participating in drafting the Arab united Reference Guideline and Memo of Understanding in Competition between Arab countries under Arab League Umbrella.

- Palestine has participated in the Euromed Program in the subject of competition from 2001 to 2006.

- COMPAL in 2015, as one of the MENA countries.
CLDP, funded by USA, support Palestine in adopting competition policy and law.

ESCWA, program supporting Palestine in capacity building regarding to competition.
9. CAPACITY BUILDING

- competition policy and legislation, EU offers support in this regard.

- The Independency of competition agency.

- Lack of practical experience in the field of competition, technical assistance for the enforcement unit staff, judges, private sector.

- since the last competition seminar took place in Palestine, in 27/09/2016, USAID offer support in this regard.
10. CHALLENGES

- The Political situation
- Legal environment
- Capacity Building, lack of practical experience as.
- Lack of financial resources, Independency of the enforcement unit
- Lack of competition culture.
Thank you for your attention!