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Too much transparency may help cartels, says CADE commissioner
by Julie Masson

Although Brazil has one of the most transparent public bidding systems in the world, the country's antitrust enforcer is questioning if such transparency facilitates cartels and corruption, a commissioner at the authority has said.

While Brazil has government control and transparency policies in place, "no one is looking at [public] procurement design from a competition standpoint", said Paula Azevedo, a commissioner at Brazil's Administrative Council for Economic Defence.

Azevedo spoke at a conference on antitrust and developing and emerging economies in New York today (...)

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Philippine enforcer questions antitrust and consumer protection integration

By Julie Masson

The international trend of putting consumer protection and competition enforcement under one agency roof may not be ideal for some developing nations, the head of the Philippine Competition Commission has said.

Speaking at a conference on Friday, Arsenio Balisacan acknowledged a growing consensus that competition policy and consumer protection have much in common and help to prevent deceptive marketing and deceiving advertising. But one must ask what is driving this integration, he said.

The Philippine Competition Commission was established in January 2016, making it one of the newest competition authorities in Southeast Asia. Its chair said that as a young antitrust agency, the PCC continues to debate whether to follow the US Federal Trade Commission and other global authorities in integrating antitrust and consumer protection is the right path for the Philippines. (...)

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