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Proposed merger involving Aon plc and Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company

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Complaint: In August 2020, the Fair Trading Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) received a notification from the COMESA Competition Commission on a proposed merger involving Aon plc and Willis Towers Watson Public Limited Company. Seychelles had been listed as one of the member states that would be or would likely be affected by the proposed merger.

Commission’s Assessment: Following the above, the Commission initiated its investigation to determine whether the proposed transaction would have any effect in the Seychelles market even though the merging parties are not based in Seychelles. The Commission issued requests for information to multiple stakeholders and also published press releases in the newspapers, on social media and the Commission’s web page inviting any enterprise or individual to share their views on the proposed merger. The information received from the stakeholders confirmed that the merging parties did not have any physical presence in Seychelles. The Commission did not receive any comments from businesses and individuals in response to the Commission’s press releases, which was taken as evidence that there were no adverse comments in relation to the proposed merger.

Conclusion: Based on the information compiled, the Commission was satisfied that the proposed merger would have no adverse effect on the Seychelles market at that point in time. The Commission informed the COMESA Competition Commission of its conclusion and the investigation was discontinued in September 2020.