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Dear Ms. Jones

Consultation – Draft Annual Plan 2006-2007

The Competition Law Association has the following observations on the OFT's draft Annual Plan for the period 2006 to 2007, and the related consultation.

It is our understanding that the Annual Plan is intended to be a forward-looking document. Its purpose is to outline the OFT's aims and objectives for the coming year, within the framework of the three year plan established by the Board in 2004. The following statement by the Chairman and Chief Executive is in keeping with this understanding:

"This Annual Plan sets out a framework that links our high level mission and goals to our functions and capabilities." (Paragraph 1.17, draft Annual Plan)

In contrast to the Annual Plan, the OFT's Annual Report is the medium through which the OFT reviews its activities over the previous year.

However, the draft Annual Plan for 2006 to 2007 also seeks to summarise the OFT's past successes under the headlines "What we do well" and "Building on achievements: challenges and changes". We see no objection to the

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