

## Cofece is appointed to lead the Group of Competition Agencies of the Americas

**Mexico City, August 27, 2024.** Andrea Marván Saltiel, Chair of the Federal Economic Competition Commission (Cofece), was appointed by unanimous vote to hold the Secretariat of the Group of Competition Agencies of the Americas (GrACA per its acronym in Spanish) for 2024-2026. From this position, Cofece will be able to give continuity to the work carried out since 2022 within GrACA, where it leads efforts aimed at fostering the strengthening of competition policies in Latin American countries.

GrACA is an international cooperation mechanism comprised of competition authorities from Latin America, the Caribbean, and North America. Its activities are focused on increasing the technical and operational capacities of its members through the exchange of experiences and lessons learned in the enforcement of competition laws in their respective jurisdictions.

With more than 13 years of existence, GrACA is a strategic forum for hemispheric dialogue between heads and senior officials of competition authorities in the Americas, in which, through the exchange of experiences, they seek to find solutions to common problems in the implementation of competition policy in their respective jurisdictions. Currently, GrACA has 20 members from countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, and the United States.

As leader of GrACA, Cofece will continue working to support and promote the initiatives of the continent's competition agencies, so that the benefits generated by their actions impact the welfare of the region's population. Additionally, Cofece will seek to bring the Latin American competition policy agenda to other international forums in which it participates, particularly those of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Competition Network, of which the Chair of Cofece is Vice Chair.

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