

**OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE COMPETITIVE
COMPETITION THROUGH ANTI-MONOPOLY**

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In order to create an effective competitive environment through the gradual reduction of monopolies in commodity and financial markets, the country is taking measures to reduce state participation in the economy, avoid excessive price regulation and reduce the state's impact on the economy. At the same time, we have urgent tasks to further reduce the negative impact of the monopoly of state-owned enterprises on the competitiveness of the economy, increase the efficiency of the system of benefits and preferences, as well as reduce the regulatory burden on businesses. Today, the creation of an effective competitive environment and the gradual reduction of monopolies in the market of goods and services remains a priority for further development and liberalization of the economy. To this end, measures are being taken to reduce state participation in the country's economy and the transition to market mechanisms. In recent years, 86 separate licensed activities and permitting procedures in the field of entrepreneurship have been abolished, including the merger of 38 types into 16, the reduction of registration deadlines for 25 types and the centralization of the issuance of 14 licenses and permits. and the tax burden was reduced. It is noted that the business sector is developing steadily, the number of operating business entities has increased by 25 % over the past three years. Measures to be taken include a wide range of food products (soft drinks, juices, bread, bakery products, meat and dairy products, confectionery, etc.) produced by local producers, as well as some non-food items (furniture, carpets and carpet products, textiles, etc.). The monopoly of large companies in the market of construction materials, cable and wire products, money transfer services has ended. The established exchange mechanism allowed to provide market participants with raw materials and materials of high liquidity and monopoly types. Today, 65 % of the turnover of the Uzbek Republican Commodity Exchange is monopoly products. As a result of ongoing reforms, the number of monopoly enterprises has more than

doubled in recent years. However, the following structural problems that negatively affect the competitive environment in the country 's economy remain unresolved:

- excessive state participation in the economy;
- excessive price regulation;
- an inefficient system of privileges and preferences;
- high regulatory burden on business entities and lack of interest of industry regulators in the development of competition;
- abuse of natural monopolies;
- imperfection of legal mechanisms to combat competition.

The lack of antitrust regulatory tools for the provision of state support leads to the ineffectiveness of the privileges and preferences provided and has a negative impact on the competitive environment. In recent years, more than 40 000 businesses, 12 % of the total number of operating entities, have been provided with tax benefits. This situation creates unequal conditions in the commodity and financial markets. Today, each manufacturing enterprise is a part of the national economy of the Republic, and the results of their activities have a positive impact on the country's economy, the well-being of our people. Therefore, it is necessary to accelerate the development of production on the basis of private property and open access to private entrepreneurship.

The relatively low value of factors of production is mainly due to the process of specialization in imports, as the process of assimilation of these factors slows down due to the saturation of the domestic market in relation to these factors. An enterprise can assess its competitive position in the market by organizing its position and determining its conditions. Valuation work is carried out in order to determine the position of the enterprise in the industry market, to develop a plan for the sale of products to new markets and to attract investors to implement promising production. The existence of competition in the economy is one of the factors that ensure its development. For enterprises to develop in an active competitive environment, the monopoly rule in the country must be abolished. Based on the above information, a healthy competitive environment has been created in our country as a result of radical reforms and antitrust measures. This, in turn, will lead to the rapid development of the country's economy in the development of enterprises, improving the living standards of the population.