This chapter explores the international dimension of competition law. Along with the introduction of the theory of extraterritoriality, sections 2 to 6 are concerned with two questions. The first issue is whether an offended country could apply its competition rules extraterritorially against an undertaking or undertakings in another country behaving anti-competitively. The second issue is whether there should be laws or so-called ‘blocking statutes’ to prevent the ‘excessive’ assertion of extraterritorial jurisdiction. However, the international dimension of competition law has undoubtedly evolved beyond these somewhat parochial concerns: the final section describes the work of international organisations, such as the International Competition Network (‘the ICN’), which encourages cooperation between competition authorities, and more importantly fosters convergence between competition policies, procedures and substantive analysis.
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