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**Statement of Chair Lina M. Khan  
Joined by Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter  
and Commissioner Alvaro M. Bedoya  
On the Adoption of the Statement of Enforcement Policy Regarding  
Unfair Methods of Competition Under Section 5 of the FTC Act**

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When Congress passed the FTC Act, it gave the Commission a new law for that agency to enforce. Section 5 of the Act provides that



conduct that would not necessarily run afoul of the Sherman Act. We now call these



competition, 'unfair,' and 'tendency to harm competitive conditions.' We also identify the types of justifications the Commission will and will not consider, in accordance with the relevant case law.

Inasmuch as the policy statement does not neatly set out a bounded list of prohibited proscribed tactics because they knew that such a list would quickly become outdated. Congress instead tasked the FTC with concretizing the meaning of 'unfair methods of competition'