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# Gov't heeds to agency opinions

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MEXICO CITY - Mexico's government Sunday said it would heed most of the recommendations from the country's antitrust watchdog which had warned some aspects of a new tender to build a high-speed train system would hinder fair competition.

The Communications and Transportation Secretariat (SCT) said it would follow 21 of 23 recommendations made Friday by the Federal Competition Commission, which argued that some clauses of the new tender would favor "some participants."

SCT said it objected to an opinion on requirements for domestic construction content and one on materials, but accepted the rest of the non-binding opinions "to achieve the greatest possible transparency and competition."

A scandal touching President Enrique Peña Nieto blew up around a previous contract late last year.

China Railway Construction Corp (CRCC) and a group of Mexican partners won the tender to build the \$3.75-billion rail line in November.

However, the contract was almost immediately revoked and one of CRCC's Mexican partners sparked concerns of a conflict-of-interest after reporters revealed the company built a home for the president's family and had won other big contracts.

Last week, authorities revealed fresh preliminary bid terms for the train project.

