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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Fourteenth session**

**Geneva, 8–10 July 2014**

The fourteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held from Tuesday, 8 July, to Thursday, 10 July 2014. The session will open in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 July.

#### **Background documents and agenda**

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted at the thirteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (TD/B/C.I/CLP/25) held from 8 to 10 July 2013, the consultations at the fourteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- a) The benefit of competition policy for consumers;
- b) Communication strategies of competition authorities as a tool for agency effectiveness;
- c) Informal cooperation among competition agencies in specific cases;
- d) Voluntary peer reviews on the competition law and policy of interested countries (Namibia, the Philippines and Seychelles);
- e) Review of capacity-building activities extended to young competition agencies.

Since the Seventh Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices will be held in 2015, this session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will act as a preparatory meeting for the Conference and will decide on its draft agenda and give direction for the preparatory process.

#### **Written contributions**

In order to facilitate the deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and best practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 20 June 2014, to allow participants to prepare themselves for the intergovernmental group of experts.

#### **Participation**

States members of UNCTAD wishing to nominate experts to the session are requested to do so by Monday, 16 June 2014.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat by Monday, 16 June 2014, of the names of their representatives.

Non-governmental organizations in the general category that are interested in the work of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts and wish to participate as observers are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

### **Logistics**

Upon arrival, participants are requested, before entering the Palais des Nations, to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in the E Building (Batiment E) of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations and visitors will therefore be dropped off at the requested entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

### **Nominations and enquiries**

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Intergovernmental Group of Experts](#). All communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: +41 22 917 0214; e-mail: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org).

All other enquiries concerning substantive issues should be addressed to the coordinators in the substantive division; fax: +41 22 917 00 44; e-mail: [jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org](mailto:jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org) and [hassan.qaqaya@unctad.org](mailto:hassan.qaqaya@unctad.org).

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