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# **NOTIFICATION**

## Twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy

## Geneva, 9–11 July 2012

The twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held on 9–11 July 2012. The session will open in room XIX on the third floor of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, at 10 a.m. on Monday, 9 July 2012.

### Background documents and agenda

The provisional agenda, together with the secretariat's annotations thereto, is being circulated as document <u>TD/B/C.I/CLP/13</u>.

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted at the eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (TD/B/C.I/CLP/12) held on 19–21 July 2011, the consultations at the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- (a) Competition policy and public procurement;
- (b) Knowledge and human resource management for effective competition law enforcement;
- (c) Cross-border anti-competitive practices: The challenges for developing countries and economies in transition;
- (d) Discussion of revised chapter III (Restrictive agreements and arrangements) and chapter VIII (Some possible aspects of consumer protection) of the UNCTAD Model Law on Competition Legislation;
- (e) Tripartite peer review of competition law and policy in the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- (f) Peer review of competition law and policy in Mongolia.

### 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, 29 June 2012, to allow participants to prepare themselves for the consultations.

### Participation

States members of UNCTAD wishing to nominate experts to the session are requested to do so by Monday, 25 June 2012.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat by Monday, 25 June 2012, 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

The meeting will take place at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. Participants are required to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. non-stop. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete the entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting.

#### Further information and contact details

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.

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