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Framework of the 15th. session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy

- **Celebration of 70 years of work in the UN on Competition law and policy**
- **Following the 7th. UN Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, 2015**
- **UNCTAD mandate on Competition reinforced by the Nairobi Maafikiano, UNCTAD XIV, 2016**
- **Back to back with the 1st. IGE meeting on Consumer Protection Law and Policy, October 2016**



7th. UN Review Conference mandate for the IGE - 4 clusters of issues

(i) Competition and inclusive and sustainable development

(ii) Best practices in the design and enforcement of Competition law and policy and its interaction with Consumer protection

(iii) The provision of capacity-building and technical assistance

(iv) International cooperation and networking



Main topics for informal consultations in the 15th. IGE meeting

- 1. The interface between the objectives of competition policy and intellectual property**
- 2. Competition issues in the food retail sector**
- 3. Legal certainty in the relationship between competition authorities and the judiciary**
- 4. Private sector capacity for competition compliance**



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Other substantive topics discussed:

A) Review of UNCTAD capacity building activities

- COMPAL (17 Latin America countries)
 - AFRICOMP (10 countries)
 - Sofia Competition Forum (10 Balkan countries)
 - ASEAN (10 Asian countries)
 - CIS (10 countries)
 - MENA programme (8 Middle East - North African countries)
- Projects financially supported by Switzerland, Luxembourg, European Union, Sweden, GIZ (Germany)



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Other substantive topics discussed:

B) Peer review of Uruguay Competition law and policy

- 16th. year experience, 24th Peer reviewed country
- Spain, Mexico and Peru Competition Authorities as reviewers



Agenda for IGE 2017

5 - 7 July

- **Challenges faced by young and small competition authorities in the design of merger control**
- **Enhancing international cooperation in the investigation of cross/border competition cases - tools and procedures**
- **Revision of Chapters 2 and 7 of UNCTAD Model Law on Competition**
- **Preliminary report on the competition implications of the collaborative economy**



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