Agenda Item 3f. Consumer product safety

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• Its drafting benefited from contributions from member States
• Presentation of the current international framework for consumer protection safety as contained in the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection
• Reference to consumer non-food product safety issues due to the rise of the digital economy and the dumping of hazardous products in developing countries, among others.
• Reference to existing regional and global initiatives on international cooperation
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Questions to be addressed by the Panel Discussion

a) How can understanding on consumer product safety be further enhanced?
b) Other than the sharing of best practices in consumer product safety, what other areas should be considered at the international level?
c) How can UNCTAD support ongoing regional and global efforts in strengthening consumer product safety?
THANK YOU

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