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# WORKING GROUP ON CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY



FOURTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON **CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW AND POLICY**

## WORKING GROUP ON CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY

Purpose: to provide a forum for member States' representatives and relevant stakeholders to exchange experiences about mechanisms to detect, minimize, and tackle the risks for consumers health and safety due to defective products.

The WG discussed :

- a product safety mapping survey;
- the scope of consumer product safety, an instrument to prevent dumping;
- the high levels of informality in developing countries' markets;
- the fact that authorities are unable to take early measures due to the lack of information of accidents and injuries caused by defective products;
- the fact that e-commerce has been increasing and that and new mechanisms of control and risk assessment are required to tackle challenges and finally
- the need to make recalls more effective.





# WORKING GROUP ON CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY

The working group held 4 teleconferences from November 2018 to May 2019:

6<sup>th</sup> November 2018

18<sup>h</sup> January 2019

27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019

28<sup>th</sup> May 2019



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## CONCLUSIONS

- Member States showed unanimous support to request the IGE the renewal of the WG's mandate for another year.
- Participants underlined the importance of maintaining the WG active and its discussions given the relevance of implementing the United Nations Guidelines on Consumer Protection.





# THANK YOU

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