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## NOTIFICATION

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

**Geneva, 8–10 July 2013**

### **Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on the Interface between Consumer and Competition Policies**

**Geneva, 11–12 July 2013**

The thirteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy (IGE) will be held from Monday, 8 July, to Wednesday, 10 July 2013. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 July, in room XVIII on the third floor of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. In addition, the IGE will hold an Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on the Interface between Consumer and Competition Policies, on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 July 2013.

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

The provisional agenda, together with the secretariat's annotations thereto, is being circulated as document TD/B/C.I/CLP/19.

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted at the twelfth session of the IGE (TD/B/C.I/CLP/18) held from 9 to 11 July 2012, the consultations at the thirteenth session of the IGE will focus on the following topics:

- (a) The impact of cartels on the poor;
- (b) Prioritization and resource allocation as a tool for agency effectiveness;
- (c) Modalities and procedures for international cooperation in competition cases involving more than one country;
- (d) Voluntary peer reviews on the competition law and policy of Nicaragua, Pakistan and Ukraine;
- (e) Review of capacity-building activities extended to young competition agencies.

In addition to the above-mentioned round tables and three peer reviews, the IGE will hold the Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on the Interface between Consumer and Competition Policies on 11 and 12 July to discuss a draft proposal for a revision of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection. As you may be aware, UNCTAD sent a questionnaire to the relevant consumer protection agencies and international organizations in order to take stock of existing consumer protection legislation. This will serve as a basis for preparing the draft proposal for revision of the United Nations Guidelines. A draft report was sent to delegates in April 2013. Member States may wish to include in their delegation experts from both competition and consumer protection agencies.



## Written contributions

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, 21 June 2013**, to allow participants to prepare themselves for the consultations.

## Participation

States members of UNCTAD wishing to nominate experts to participate in the session are requested to do so by **Monday, 24 June 2013**.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to take part in the session are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat by **Monday, 24 June 2013** of the names of their representatives.

Non-governmental organizations in the general category that are interested in the work of the IGE 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.

Upon arrival, participants are requested, before entering the Palais des Nations, to collect their badges from 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. to complete the entry procedures in good time and then proceed to the meeting in the E-Building (Bâtiment 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; visitors will therefore be dropped off at the requested entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

## Further information and contact details

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