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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Eighteenth session

Geneva, 10–12 July 2019

The eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 10 to 12 July 2019. The session will open in Room XVII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, 10 July.

Background documents and agenda

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts at its seventeenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/52) on 13 July 2018, the consultations at the eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- a) Work carried out by the discussion group on international cooperation;
- b) Competition issues in the digital economy;
- c) Competition issues in the health sector, specifically looking into pharmaceuticals and health-care services;
- d) International cooperation of competition authorities in the fight against cross-border anticompetitive practices and mergers;
- e) Voluntary peer reviews of competition law and policy;
- f) Capacity-building and technical assistance activities in competition law and policy carried out to date;
- g) Review of chapters IX and X of the Model Law on Competition.

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, 31 May 2019, to allow participants to prepare for the session.

Participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general category, may participate as observers.

Online registration at [Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, eighteenth session](#) is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration (before 28 June 2019), is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. To complete the registration process, prospective participants must upload an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission concerned in Geneva will suffice.

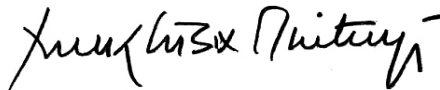
Further enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

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. 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 entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

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