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**NIGERIA'S STATEMENT AT THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE**  
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Chair of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of IGE on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

Vice Chair/Rapporteur

Madam Secretary General,

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Nigerian delegation seizes this opportunity to congratulate the chair and Vice Chair of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Law and Protection on their elections. We are optimistic that under your able leadership we would have a fruitful outcome. We support your mandate. On this note, my delegation also associates with the statement delivered by Ambassador Blackman on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chair, the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (**IGE**) on Consumer Protection Law and Policy is very timely given the fact that it is holding at a time the global economy is on a path of recovery from a ravaging pandemic, a pandemic characterized by threats to consumer protection authorities and disruption to global supply chains. Against this background, there is no better

time to implement global rules for consumer protection such as now.

We acknowledge and applaud the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection (**Guidelines**) that provides a comprehensive framework for effective consumer protection legislation, implementation and enforcement mechanisms to assist Member States in formulating domestic and regional rules while taking into consideration peculiar economic, social and environmental circumstances.

Since the adoption of the Guidelines, Member States have taken enforcement and regulatory actions in preventing irregular consumer practices, with some countries even introduced control mechanisms and caps on prices for basic consumer products to prevent extortion and related vices. Strong consumer protection laws at the national level must be matched with adequate protection laws at the international level. We therefore welcome the report on the implementation of the Guidelines.

Chair,

Nigeria supports efforts aimed at promoting international enforcement cooperation among Member States and also encourages the sharing of experiences in consumer protection. Cross border movement of unsafe consumer products have also been exacerbated in developing countries by poverty and lack of requisite knowledge. Explicitly, the modalities for the implementation of the recommendation on preventing cross border unsafe consumer products should be accorded top priority.

In conclusion, the need for member States to adopt specific legislation for consumer protection cannot be overstated. This is with a view to achieving broad objectives on Consumer protection. Nigeria is therefore ready to collaborate with the IGE towards achieving this objective, and is committed to addressing national barriers that affect our national growth in this respect.

Nigeria remains optimistic and ready to advance the policy and developmental objectives of the 6<sup>th</sup> IGE with a view to improving global standards in consumer protection.

I thank you for your attention and look forward for fruitful deliberations.

**Permanent Mission of Nigeria, Geneva.**

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