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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Pursuant to the decisions taken by UNCTAD X and the Fourth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business "...to strengthen the capacity of public institutions for competition and consumer protection in developing countries and help them to educate the public and representatives of the private sector in this field", UNCTAD organized four regional meetings: in Cartagena, Colombia, from 23 to 25 July 2001; in Accra, Ghana from 20 to 21 August 2001; in Goa, India, from 10 to 11 September 2001; and in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from 1 to 2 October 2001. These meetings explored issues related to consumer protection and competition policy and their relevance to competitiveness and development, and adopted recommendations.

The recommendations of the four regional meetings are contained in TD/B/COM.1/EM.17/2/Add.1 (Cartagena), TD/B/COM.1/EM.17/2/Add.2 (Accra), TD/B/COM.1/EM.17/2/Add.3 (Goa) and TD/B/COM.1/EM.17/2/Add.4 (Bishkek).