



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy
5th Session, 5 - 6 July 2021, Geneva, Switzerland and online

**Opening Plenary: election of officers, adoption of the agenda and
organization of work, and report on the implementation of the United
Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection**

**Monday, 5 July 2021 (10:00 - 11:15)
Palais des Nations, Room XVIII (First Floor) and online (Interprefy)**

As agreed by the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices,¹ the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-Cum-Rapporteur. It will also be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for the session.²

Following the address by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD, the floor will be open for general statements. In the interest of time, delegates are invited to use this space to address item 3 of the provisional agenda, namely the report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection³ by member States and relevant stakeholders.

¹ [TD/RBP/CONF.9/9](#)

² [TD/B/C.I./CPLP/21](#)

³ [A/RES/70/186](#)

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 10:00 - 10:10 **Election of officers and adoption of the agenda and organization of work**
- 10:10 - 10:20 **Address by the Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD**
- 10:20 - 11:15 **General statement and Implementation of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection**
- H.E. Mr. Gilberto Pichetto Fratin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
 - H.E. Mr. Omar M. Al Suhaibani, Deputy Minister for Consumer Protection Ministry of Commerce and Investment, Saudi Arabia
 - H.E. Ms. Juliana Domingues, National Secretary for Consumers, Ministry of Justice, Brazil
 - H.E. Mr. Christian Kastrop, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany
 - H.E. Mr. João Torres, Secretary of State for Trade, Services and Consumer Protection, Ministry of Economy and Digital Transition, Portugal
 - Mr. Sebastián Barocelli, National Director for Consumer Protection, National Directorate for Consumer Protection, Argentina

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Arnau Izaguerri (arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org).