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**Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender**  
**April 17, 2024**

The Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender held an extra online meeting on April 17, 2024, at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Geneva time, to discuss the upcoming events and working group agenda.

The secretariat started the meeting by sharing information on the Webinar “Empowering Women: Bridging Trade, Gender, and Consumer Protection”, highlighting the existing information gap when it comes to women and girls' consumers' rights.

The secretariat also recalled the questionnaires related to consumer protection and gender to include references to the UNCTAD World Consumer Protection Map, as until this date, only eight member states have contributed.

Regarding the checklist for Consumer Agencies to include the gender perspective, members of the subgroup informed that more than twenty member States have contributed with inputs and that a draft will be circulated in the next ten days. The secretariat also recalled that a webinar is planned for the 22 May to discuss and promote the checklist.

Finally, secretariat recalled that the next and final working group meeting before the IGE one, will be on May 29.

The secretariat informed that meeting minutes will be circulated for feedback.

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<b>10<sup>th</sup> Meeting – List of Participants</b>		
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