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NOTIFICATION

Third Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Consumer Protection

Geneva, 22 and 23 January 2015

The third Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Consumer Protection will be held on Thursday, 22 January, and Friday, 23 January 2015. It will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 22 January, in room XII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In line with the outcome of the second Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Consumer Protection held on 11 and 12 July 2013, the consultations during the third Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting will focus on reviewing the draft report of the UNCTAD secretariat on modalities for the revision of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection. The meeting will also review the outcomes of the working groups on e-commerce, financial services, other issues and implementation, and will discuss proposals for the revision of the Guidelines.

To facilitate the deliberations and informal exchange of views and experiences on the topics to be discussed during the consultations on the revision of the Guidelines, delegates and observers are requested to indicate to the UNCTAD secretariat by 12 December 2014 whether they intend to make written contributions on these topics. Contributions should be sent no later than Friday, 9 January 2015 in order to allow participants to prepare for the consultations.

For easy reference, a copy of the annotated agenda and draft work programme is contained in the following link <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=642>

Participation

UNCTAD member States wishing to nominate experts to the session are requested to do so by Friday, 12 December 2014.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 12 December 2014, of the names of their representatives.

Non-governmental organizations in the general category that are interested in the work of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy and wish to participate as observers are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.



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

Further information and contact details

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Ad hoc Expert Meeting on Consumer Protection](#). All communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch; fax: 41 22 917 00 44; e-mail: jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org and hassan.qaqaya@unctad.org .

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