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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Fifteenth session

Geneva, 19–21 October 2016

The fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held from Wednesday, 19 October to Friday, 21 October 2016. The meeting will open at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 October, in Room XVII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Background documents and agenda

In line with the resolution¹ adopted at the Seventh United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices that took place from 6 to 10 July 2015, the consultations at the fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- Examining the interface between the objectives of competition policy and intellectual property;
- Enforcing competition policy in the retail sector;
- Enhancing legal certainty in the relationship between competition authorities and judiciaries;
- Strengthening private sector capacities for competition compliance;
- Voluntary peer review on the competition law and policy of Uruguay;
- Review of capacity-building activities extended to young competition agencies.

Written contributions

To facilitate deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and best practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by **Friday, 30 September 2016**.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link:
<https://reg.unog.ch/event/5767/registration/register>.

UNCTAD member States wishing to nominate experts to the session are requested to do so by Friday, **30 September 2016**.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat by **30 September** of the names of their representatives.

¹ TD/RBP/CONF.8/RES.

Non-governmental organizations in the general category that are interested in the work of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy and wish to

participate as observers are also requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by **30 September**.

Nominations and related communications concerning representations at the meeting should be sent to the Intergovernmental Support Service, UNCTAD, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, by Fax: 41 22 917 0214 or e-mail: meetings@unctad.org.

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 of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

All other enquiries should be addressed to the coordinators in the substantive division; UNCTAD Secretariat, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities; Tel. 41 22 917 1878; e-mail: jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org or Tel. 41 22 917 46 20; email: maria.bovey@unctad.org.

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