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## NOTIFICATION

### Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Seventeenth session

Geneva, 11–13 July 2018

The seventeenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 11 to 13 July 2018. The session will open in Room XVII of the Palais des Nations at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 July.

#### Background documents and agenda

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts at its sixteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/47), held on 5–7 July 2017, the consultations at the seventeenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- Review of UNCTAD capacity-building activities
- Report on the discussion group on international cooperation
- Voluntary peer review on the competition law and policy of Botswana
- Review of UNCTAD repository of best-practice tools
- Competition issues concerning the sale of audiovisual rights for major sports events
- Challenges faced by developing countries in competition and regulation in the maritime transport sector
- Revision of chapters V and VI of the Model Law on Competition

#### Written contributions

To facilitate the 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, 1 June 2018, to allow participants to prepare for the Intergovernmental Group of Experts.

#### Participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general category, may participate as observers.

Online registration at [Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, seventeenth session](#) is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration – before 27 June 2018 – is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. In addition, prospective participants must upload an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting to complete the registration process. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission concerned in Geneva will suffice.

Further enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto: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. 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**

Substantive and other enquiries should be addressed to the UNCTAD secretariat, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch; fax: 41 22 917 0044; email: [Jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org](mailto:Jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org).

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