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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Twentieth session

Geneva, 20–22 July 2022

The twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held from 20 to 22 July 2022. The session will open at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 July, in room XX of the Palais des Nations. Remote participation will also be available.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its nineteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/61), held from 7 to 9 July 2021, the deliberations at the twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- Report on the implementation of the guiding policies and procedures under section F of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices
- Reports of the working groups on:
 - Cross-border cartels;
 - Modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection laws and policies
- The role of competition law and policy in supporting microenterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises during economic recovery in the post-pandemic period
- Rethinking competition law enforcement: Lessons learned from the pandemic, particularly in socially important markets – Challenges and opportunities for an effective response during the pandemic and economic recovery in the post-pandemic period
- Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy: Bangladesh
- Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy

Written contributions

In order 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 Jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org by Friday, 24 June 2022, to allow participants to prepare themselves for the meeting.

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, twentieth session](#), is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration (before 1 July 2022) is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. 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 Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in room XX of the Palais des Nations, and remote participation, through a simultaneous interpretation platform in the six official languages of the United Nations. A link to the formal virtual meeting will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from 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 with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Further information and contact details

Substantive and other inquiries should be addressed to the UNCTAD secretariat, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch; fax: 41 22 917 0044; email: jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org.



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