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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy Seventh session

Geneva, 3 and 4 July 2023

The seventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will be held on 3 and 4 July 2023. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 July, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In line with the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its sixth session (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/32), held on 18 and 19 July 2022, the deliberations at the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- a) Report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection by member States and relevant stakeholders;
- b) Latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map;
- c) Reports of the working groups on:
 - (i) Consumer product safety;
 - (ii) Consumer protection in electronic commerce;
 - (iii) Consumer protection and gender;
- d) Building trust in digital markets through enhanced consumer protection on online platforms;
- e) Consumer protection and the transition to clean energy;
- f) Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy: Gabon;
- g) Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on consumer protection 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 the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 2 June 2023, to allow participants to prepare 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 Consumer Protection Law and Policy, seventh session](#), is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration (before 23 June 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, at the Palais des Nations, and remote participation, through a simultaneous interpretation platform in the six official languages of the United Nations. Please note that interventions by remote participants will be limited to a cumulative total of 30 minutes per session. 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.

For in-person attendance, before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security Service, at Villa Les Feuillantines, 13 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 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 through the Peace Gate bis. 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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