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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Twenty-first session

Geneva, 5-7 July 2023

The twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held on 5-7 July 2023. The session will open at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 July, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In line with the Agreed Conclusions (TD/B/C.I/CLP/66) adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twentieth session on 22 July 2022, the consultations at the twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will focus on the following topics:

- a) 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;
- b) Report of the working group on cross-border cartels;
- c) Competition law enforcement issues raised by monopsonies;
- d) Interaction between competition and industrial policies;
- e) Competition law and policy and sustainability;
- f) Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy: Paraguay;
- g) Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy;
- h) Provisional agenda of the twenty-second session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy;
- i) Adoption of the report of the twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts 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 the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 2 June 2023, 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, twenty-first session](#) is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration before Friday 23 June 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 Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; 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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