



**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 to the twenty-  
third session of the  
Intergovernmental Group of  
Experts on Competition Law and  
Policy**

## I. Background

The Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (UN Review Conference), held from 19 to 23 October 2020, adopted the document “Guiding Policies and Procedures under Section F of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices” (GPP).<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with the provisional agenda adopted by the Ninth UN Review Conference, held from 7 to 11 July 2025, the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) secretariat has prepared this report for the twenty-third session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy.

## II. Dissemination of the GPP

In its Resolution, the Eighth UN Review Conference requested the UNCTAD secretariat to continue the dissemination of the GPP. Accordingly, the UNCTAD secretariat has been working on the wider dissemination of the GPP on various occasions. The importance of these efforts was reaffirmed by the Resolution adopted by the Ninth UN Review Conference, which encouraged the continued dissemination and use of the GPP.<sup>2</sup>

Besides reporting on the implementation of the GPP to the twenty-third session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy in July 2026, UNCTAD has made references to the GPP and its practical use at the meetings of the informal working group on cross-border cartels (WG CBC), as well as several technical assistance and capacity building activities for member States. In particular, at the second substantive meeting of the WG CBC in the current cycle, held on 13 April 2026, the GPP were presented through a hypothetical analysis based on an international cartel case investigated by the competition authority of Mauritius.<sup>3</sup> Participants explored how cooperation and information exchange among competition authorities might have unfolded had the GPP been applied at the time. This “what-if” exercise helped illustrate the practical operation of the GPP and highlighted their potential value as a framework for facilitating cross-border enforcement cooperation.

## III. Questionnaire on contact points and competition legislation

Section III. 19 of the GPP states that “[t]he UNCTAD secretariat should maintain a list of contact persons who may facilitate international cooperation at each Member State’s authority, including where appropriate by identifying contacts for particular types of conduct (e.g. mergers and cartels) and identifying linguistic abilities among contacts”. Also, as Section III. 18 of the GPP states that “[t]he UNCTAD secretariat can also assist authorities by providing publicly available legal texts and guidelines that are relevant to cooperation”, it is essential for UNCTAD to obtain accurate and updated information on competition laws around the world, in order to provide Member States requesting for assistance with the necessary information and facilitate international cooperation. Against this background, in November 2025, UNCTAD secretariat carried out a questionnaire on contact points of competition authorities and competition

<sup>1</sup> [https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ditccplpmisc2021d2\\_en.pdf](https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ditccplpmisc2021d2_en.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> TD/RBP/CONF.10/7, paragraph 5.

<sup>3</sup> See: <https://unctad.org/meeting/webinar-informal-working-group-cross-border-cartels>.



legislations in the member States (Annex). 27 competition authorities<sup>4</sup> responded to the questionnaire.

## IV. Suggestions for future work

In the reports on the GPP prepared so far, UNCTAD suggested multiple activities to further promote the GPP, including the organization of workshops and seminars on the GPP, updates and sharing of information on international cooperation instruments. While these suggestions still remain valid, UNCTAD secretariat suggests the following for the upcoming year:

### A. Continuous advocacy activities and guidance focusing on the use of the GPP

To enhance the use of the GPP, the UNCTAD secretariat should intensify dissemination efforts and awareness-raising initiatives, particularly targeting competition authorities in developing countries that are unfamiliar with its practical application. Concurrently, advanced competition authorities are encouraged to deepen their engagement with the framework.

In addition to reporting on and making reference to the GPP at the IGEs on Competition Law and Policy and in other technical cooperation activities, the UNCTAD secretariat should organize practical workshops and simulation exercises on the application of the GPP, and establish collaboration with other international and regional organizations with competence over competition law and policy in this regard. Such activities could focus on critical cross-border enforcement challenges, including parallel investigations and confidentiality-compliant information sharing. In particular, the secretariat could develop case studies and “what-if” exercises based on actual cross-border cartel investigations, allowing participants to explore how cooperation and information exchange might have unfolded had the GPP been available and applied. This would help competition authorities better understand the practical operation of the GPP and identify opportunities for their use in future cases.

### B. Continuous survey, information update and sharing

The survey on contact points and competition legislation, together with the review of international guidance documents and relevant background information on international cooperation, should be continued and regularly updated. Significant developments are also taking place in regional cooperation initiatives, cooperation agreements between competition authorities and other mechanisms for cross-border enforcement cooperation. It would therefore be beneficial for the UNCTAD secretariat to systematically collect and maintain information on such instruments and arrangements, enabling competition authorities to better understand the cooperation tools available and identify the most appropriate avenues for engagement.

The information collected through these efforts could also contribute to the development of the World Competition Map. In addition to information on competition laws and authorities, the platform could gradually incorporate information relevant to international cooperation, such as designated contact points and legal texts and guidelines that are relevant to cooperation. This would enhance the practical value of

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<sup>4</sup> Argentina, Armenia, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Pakistan, Palestine, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom.



the World Competition Map as a tool for facilitating contacts, information-sharing and cooperation among competition authorities.

### **C. Other initiatives**

Other initiatives to improve international cooperation in competition law enforcement and the use of the GPP may be suggested for consideration and discussed by member States' representatives during the twenty-third session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy and/or in future sessions.



## Annex

### Survey of competition legislation, update 2025

Please complete the survey online or send the completed survey to UN Trade and Development (maria.bovey@unctad.org) by 15 December 2025.

Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

1. Please provide the **name** and **date of enactment** of **competition legislation** in your jurisdiction. If the legislation is available online, please provide the link.

Name:

Date of enactment:

Website:

2. Please provide the **name** and **date of enactment** of the **latest amendment of competition legislation** in your jurisdiction. If the amendment is available online, please provide the link.

Name:

Date of enactment:

Website:

3. Please provide the contact information of your competition authority, in line with section III, paragraph 19 of the document [Guiding policies and procedures under section F of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices](#).

