



**Report of the informal working
group on consumer protection
and gender to the ninth session
of the Intergovernmental Group of
Experts on Consumer Protection
Law and Policy**

The Ninth 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 Conference) held from 7 to 11 July 2025¹ decided to renew the mandate of the Informal Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender “while commending the significant contributions of the informal working groups established under the Intergovernmental Groups of Experts on Competition Law and Policy and on Consumer Protection Law and Policy—including those on cross-border cartels, consumer product safety, consumer protection in electronic commerce, and consumer protection and gender—and acknowledging with appreciation the reports presented at the Ninth Conference”, “continuing discussions on case studies and national and regional experiences, enhancing knowledge-sharing and international cooperation in these areas, subject to the availability of resources, and encouraged Member States and relevant stakeholders to support the implementation of related activities;”²

Since then, the Informal Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender held three online meetings. On 20 November 2025 it discussed the group’s workplan, and on May 7 and June 11, 2026, participants discussed the ongoing work and contributions to a Checklist to assist consumer protection authorities in considering the gender equality perspective into their work, and the ongoing research on consumer protection and gender conducted in partnership with UNCTAD’s Trade, Gender and Development Programme.

In conclusion, the Informal Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender agreed to propose to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy that its mandate be renewed in the following terms:

*Decides to renew the mandate of the informal working group on consumer protection and gender, and in reflection of agreed language in the Geneva consensus, rename it into the **informal working group on consumer protection and gender equality**, to **continue work with women and girls** and incorporating a gender perspective in consumer protection at the national, regional and international levels to promote **gender equality**, by encouraging and sharing best practices and advancing activities focused on advertising, consumer product safety and financial services, and to report to the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy;*

All minutes and documentation of the Informal Working Group on Consumer Protection and Gender are available on the dedicated UNCTAD [webpage](#).

¹ <https://unctad.org/meeting/9th-united-nations-conference-competition-and-consumer-protection>.

² TD/RBP/CONF.10/7.

