



**Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Multilaterally
Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business
Practices**

Voluntary Peer Review of Consumer Protection Law and Policy: Peru

**Tuesday, 20 October (15h-17h)
Palais des Nations, Room XIX (Third Floor)**

In its resolution 70/186 of 22 December 2015 on Consumer Protection, the United Nations General Assembly mandated the Intergovernmental group of experts (IGE) on consumer protection law and policy to conduct voluntary peer reviews of national consumer protection laws and policies of member States, as implemented by national consumer protection authorities.

The purpose of the voluntary peer reviews is to provide an expert assessment of the effectiveness of consumer protection law; to identify the challenges to be addressed and areas to be improved in the legal and institutional frameworks; to assess the consumer protection awareness of relevant stakeholders and their contributions in this area; to formulate and recommend appropriate measures; and to assist countries in implementing the recommendations by developing a technical cooperation and capacity-building programme.

At the third session of the IGE on consumer protection Peru volunteered for this exercise, which focus its review on the Consumer Protection Code of 2010 and on the activities of the Institute for the Defense of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property, the main consumer protection agency of Peru. The UNCTAD secretariat drafted a background report,¹ whose overview is available in all six United Nations languages.²

This report will serve as a basis for the peer review discussions. The review panel will include representatives of the consumer protection authorities of Australia, Italy, and the United States of America. In addition, speakers from the floor will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. The interactive peer review will provide the Peruvian consumer protection authority with a unique opportunity to exchange the experiences with other consumer protection authorities around the world.

UNCTAD used the findings and policy recommendations of the peer review report to design a tailor-made technical assistance project to reinforce the effectiveness of consumer protection law and policy in Peru. UNCTAD invites development partners and donors to support this project, which will be presented during the session.

¹ UNCTAD/DITC/CPLP/2020/1

² TD/RBP/CONF.9/7

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WORK PROGRAMME

- 15:00 - 15:20 **Statement by the Head of the Peruvian Delegation**
Ms. Hania Pérez de Cuéllar, President, Institute for the Defense of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property, Peru
- 15:20 - 15:30 **Introduction and presentation by the UNCTAD Secretariat**
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Peer reviewers**
- Ms. Delia Rickard, Deputy Chair, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Australia
 - Ms. Alessandra Tonazzi, Director, International and European Relations Directorate, Italian Competition Authority, Italy
 - Mr. Hugh Stevenson, Deputy Director, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, United States
- Questions** to be answered by: Ms. Wendy Ledesma, National Director for Consumer Protection, Peru
- 16:00 - 16:40 **Interactive session**
This session will allow Peru to seek advice from other consumer protection authorities on issues identified in the peer review report.
- 16:40 - 16:50 **Presentation by the UNCTAD secretariat of the technical cooperation and capacity building activities**
- 16:50 - 17:00 **Closing**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Arnau Izaguerri (arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org).