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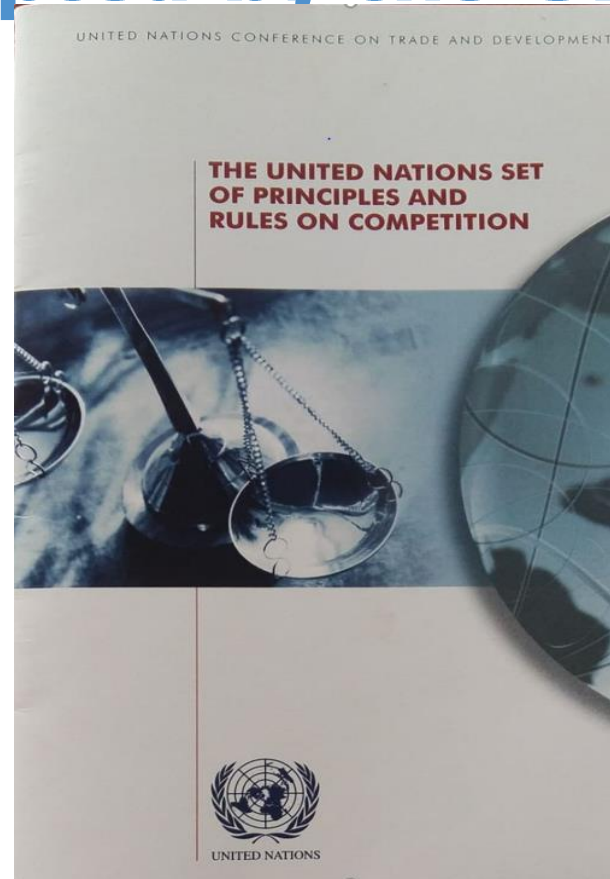
- Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition law and policy and on Consumer protection law and policy-

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UNCTAD's mandates on Competition and on Consumer protection based in instruments adopted by the UN General Assembly



- ✓ Two unique sets of recommendations for member States' Governments, civil society organizations, business.
- ✓ Focal point for Competition and Consumer Policies within the UN system;





- **Substantive sessions:**
 - **Keynote speech** by **Prof. Caron Beaton-Wells** on “**Competition in the Digital Economy New Realities, New Thinking**”;
 - Round table on “**Competition issues in the digital economy**”, focusing on challenges brought by dominant digital platforms;
 - Round Table on “**Competition issues in the health sector**”, facilitated by the South Africa Competition Commission;
 - Round table on “**International cooperation of competition authorities in the fight against cross-border anticompetitive practices**”, following the Secretariat’s report on the UNCTAD Discussion Group on International Cooperation;
 - **Presentation and consensus** on the *Guiding Policies and Principles under Section F of the UN Set on Competition on International Cooperation*, drafted by the Discussion

Eighteenth session IGE Competition

- ✓ **Guiding Policies and Procedures** aim:
 - to promote mutual trust and understanding of each other's legal framework
 - to facilitate contact between Competition Authorities and
 - clarify what is possible especially for young and less experienced Competition Authorities.
- ✓ Non-binding, can be used it as a "guide" for communication;
- ✓ It includes recommendations and addresses the role of UNCTAD in facilitating cooperation under the Section F of the UN Set



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- NEW
- **Legal assessment of Belarus' new Competition law;**
- **Legal assessment of the regional Competition provisions of the Eurasian Competition Commission.**
- ☐ **UNCTAD Secretariat Report on capacity building in the field of Competition law and policy;**
- **UNCTAD Model Law on Competition - Revision of Chapters IX and X of Part 2 - Commentaries;**
- **Update of the Virtual repository of International Best Practices (in cooperation with Peru).**



Eighteenth session IGE Competition – Agreed Conclusions:



- ✓ Highlight of **regional and international cooperation** in the enforcement of competition law and policy;
- ✓ Dissemination of the *Guiding Policies and Procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition* regarding International Cooperation before its submission for approval to the 8th. Review Conference in 2020;
- ✓ New issue for discussion: **Strengthening Competition in the Digital Economy;**
- ✓ Revision and update of Chapters III and IV of the Model Law on Competition, Part 2 – *Commentaries*.



Eighteenth session IGE Competition: Competition items for the 8th. Review Conference

- Secretariat report on the **Implementation of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices.**
- Round tables on:
 - **International cooperation** under section F of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices: **Adoption of the *Guiding policies and procedures***,
 - **Competitive neutrality;**
 - **Combating cross-border cartels.**
- Secretariat report on **Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on Competition law and policy.**
- **Voluntary peer review of Competition law and policy: West African Economic and Monetary Union**



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- **Wide participation and interest:** 362 registered participants from 84 countries: 223 Government representatives, 43 academics, 28 NGOs, 22 intergovernmental organizations and 14 private sector representatives. Two Ministers: Belarus and Eurasian Economic Union. First participation of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Brunei Darussalam Competition Commission, ECOWAS Competition Authority and Saudi Arabia Competition Authority.
- **Gender balance:** The IGE Competition was chaired by a woman, Chief Executive Officer of the Competition Authority of Botswana. 39 per cent of participants were women and 61 per cent men.
- **Delivery of research, analysis and tools:** *Guiding Policies and Procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition*
- **Two new Legal assessments** of the national Competition rules of **Belarus** and of the regional Competition rules of **Eurasian Economic Commission**.
- **Very strong mandate:** appreciation of the UNCTAD discussion group work on international cooperation and endorsement of the Guiding Policies and Procedures document and request to disseminate this document.
- **New technical cooperation requests:** CEMAC, ECOWAS, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Seychelles, Uzbekistan.



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- **Substantive sessions:**
- **Keynote speech by Prof. Dr. Claudia Lima Marques** on «Perspectives for Consumer Protection in the XXI Century»;
- Round table on “**Contribution of consumer protection to sustainable consumption**”, with speakers from academia, Consumers International, UNECE and ISO, apart from Consumer Protection agencies;
- UNCTAD Secretariat **Report on Capacity Building on Consumer Protection law and policy;**



Voluntary peer review of the consumer protection law and policy of Indonesia

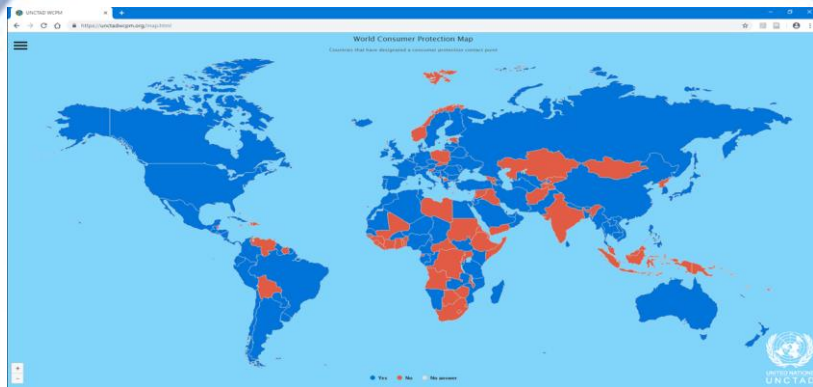
- **Reviewers** were representatives of Consumer Protection Agencies of **Brazil, India and the European Commission**;
- This Voluntary Peer Review was facilitated by UNCTAD supported by **GIZ, the German Development Agency**;
- UNCTAD proposed Indonesia **technical assistance to implement the Peer Review recommendations** as a follow-up.

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Fourth session IGE Consumer Protection

- Report of the Working Groups on Consumer protection in electronic commerce and Consumer product safety;
- Secretariat presentations on
 - Latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks and the *World Consumer Protection Map*.
 - Virtual catalogue of international best practices;
 - Update on the implementation of the actionable agreed conclusions of the 3rd. session of the IGE on Consumer Protection Law and Policy.



WORLD CONSUMER PROTECTION MAP

<https://unctadwcpm.org/>

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Agreed conclusions include:

- ✓ Renewal of the mandate for **Working Group on Consumer protection in E-commerce** to provide policy recommendation for developing countries;
- ✓ Renewal of the mandate for **Working Group on Consumer Product Safety** to continue highlighting best practices to guide Consumer protection/Product safety agencies;
- ✓ New issue for discussion:
Strengthening Consumer protection in the Digital Economy.

Fourth session: Consumer Protection agenda items for the 8th. Review Conference

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- Secretariat report on the **Implementation of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection;**
- Round tables on
 - *Strengthening Consumer protection in the digital economy;*
 - *International enforcement cooperation among Consumer Protection authorities;*
 - *Improving Consumer product safety worldwide:* Good data for good policy;
- Secretariat report on **Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on Consumer protection;**
- **Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy: Peru.**

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CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW AND POLICY

- **Wide participation and interest:** 358 registered participants; 83 member States; 20 international organizations, 37 NGOs, 32 academia, 16 private sector; 3 Ministers: Brazil, Germany, Indonesia; Participation from Consumer Protection agencies of Australia, Japan and Saudi Arabia for the first time.
- **Gender awareness:** 52% of speakers/officers were women and 48% men. As for participants registered, 59% men and 41% women.
- **Delivering research, analysis and tools:** publications of [UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection](#) made available in all official languages.
- 7 side-events organized by participants – academia, NGOs and private sector, Consumer Protection agencies;
- **Follow-up/parallel events:**
 - New Trust fund agreement with China Silk Road Group to deliver blockchain-based Online Dispute Resolution to consumers (2.5M USD). 10 July



Competition and Consumer Policies - AGENDA



Reports on:

- Implementation of the UN Set on Competition;



- Implementation of the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection: legal and institutional framework.

Roundtables on:

- Consumer product safety data for policymaking;
- Consumer protection enforcement cooperation in e-commerce;
- Competitive neutrality;
- Combatting cross-border cartels.

- ✓ Voluntary Peer Review on Consumer Protection Law and Policy of Peru (third Review);

- ✓ Voluntary Peer Review on Competition Law and Policy of WABMU-UEMOA

Session on Strengthening Consumer protection and Competition in the Digital Economy



- UNCTAD World Consumer Protection Map

- Revised Chapters III and IV of the UNCTAD Model Law on Competition, Part 2 - Commentaries



Session on International Cooperation for Competition law enforcement - discussion of the Guiding Principles and Procedures under Section F of the UN Set on Competition

Report on Capacity building and Technical assistance on Consumer protection and Competition



Resolution of the Conference: clusters of work for UNCTAD in the fields of Competition and Consumer Protection in the following 5 years

THANK YOU !

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