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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



Thursday 6 July 2023
17:00-17:30, Room XIX



1. 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)
- In accordance with the provisional agenda adopted by the twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Competition Law and Policy, held from 20 to 22 July 2022, UNCTAD secretariat reports to the twenty-first session of the IGE on Competition Law and Policy
- UNCTAD Secretariat circulated a questionnaire on the implementation of the GPP in May 2023; 36 competition authorities responded



2. Survey Findings

- Majority of the respondents have not consulted/used the GPP; competition authorities tend to use instruments that are more accessible, long-standing, and familiar to them
- Still a helpful instrument in particular for younger competition authorities that are not parties to other established cooperation frameworks
- Better use of the GPP - further dissemination, practical examples of the use of the GPP; more active participation and commitment
- Possible improvements of the GPP - case studies, more detailed instructions, periodic reviews



3. Recommendations

- Continuous advocacy activities and guidance focusing on the use of the GPP
- Gathering and sharing international and regional cooperation instruments
- Other initiatives



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Thank you

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