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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY



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Highlights of the Background Note

- Its drafting benefited from contributions from member States
- Presentation of the current international framework for consumer protection safety as contained in the UN Guidelines for Consumer Protection
- Reference to consumer non-food product safety issues due to the rise of the digital economy and the dumping of hazardous products in developing countries, among others.
- Reference to existing regional and global initiatives on international cooperation



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Questions to be addressed by the Panel Discussion

- a) How can understanding on consumer product safety be further enhanced?
- b) Other than the sharing of best practices in consumer product safety, what other areas should be considered at the international level?
- c) How can UNCTAD support ongoing regional and global efforts in strengthening consumer product safety?





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