



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Law and Policy
3rd Session, 9 to 10 July 2017, Geneva, Switzerland

**Round Table on:
Consumer product safety**

**Tuesday, 10 July 2018 (15:00 - 16:30)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)**

The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its second session requested the UNCTAD secretariat to prepare reports and studies, taking into account the input from member States and other relevant stakeholders, for the third session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the following topics: [...] Consumer product safety.¹

The UNCTAD secretariat note on Consumer product safety,² which benefited from contributions from member States and other relevant stakeholders, considers the current international framework on this issue, as contained in the United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection.³ It discusses some of the global consumer product safety challenges, including their cross-border dimensions, among others. It also provides information about existing initiatives at the regional and global levels to address consumer product safety and proposes questions for discussion by member States wishing to further explore this topic.

To facilitate this interactive discussion, the secretariat raises the following questions:

- 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?

¹ TD/B/C.I/CPLP/9

² TD/B/C.I/CPLP/12

³ A/RES/70/186

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WORK PROGRAMME

15:00 - 15:10 **Presentation by UNCTAD secretariat**

15:10 - 15:50 **Panel discussion**

Panelists

- H.E. Dr. Gerd Billen, State Secretary for Consumer Protection, Germany
- Mr. Richard O'Brien, Director of International Programs and Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, United States
- Mr. Fernando Blanco, National Director, National Directorate on Consumer Protection, Argentina
- Ms. Brigitte Acoca, Consumer Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Mr. Antonino Serra, Advocacy Manager, Consumers International

15:50 - 16:30 **Interactive debate**

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Dr. Pierre Horna (pierre.horna@unctad.org) and Ms. Ana Cipriano (ana.cipriano@unctad.org).