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II. Annotations

Item 1

Election of officers

1. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair-Cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts may wish to adopt the provisional agenda as contained in chapter I above.

3. It is proposed that the opening plenary meeting of the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 July 2021, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Friday, 9 July 2021, will be devoted to the adoption of the report and the provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts and to the adoption of the report of the nineteenth session (items 11 and 12). In view of the short duration of the session, the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be authorized to complete the final report after closure of the session.

4. The remaining meetings, from 7 July (after the election of officers and general statements) to the morning of 9 July, can then be devoted to substantive items 3 to 10 of the provisional agenda. If necessary, the adoption of the report may be postponed until the late afternoon of 9 July in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/56 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3

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

5. Following the adoption of resolution B and 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 (TD/RBP/CONF.9/9) by 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, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hear an oral report by member States on the implementation of the said resolution.

Item 4

Report of the working group on modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection law and policy

6. In accordance with paragraph 15 (b) of resolution A (TD/RBP/CONF.9/9) adopted by the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hear an oral report by the secretariat on the working group on modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection law and policy and decide on future work.

Items 5 and 6

Competition law, policy and regulation in the digital era; and competition advocacy during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis

7. In accordance with paragraph 33 (a) and (b) of resolution A adopted by 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, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will consider the secretariat background notes entitled “Competition law, policy and regulation in the digital era” (TD/B/C.I/CLP/57) and “Competition advocacy during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19” (TD/B/C.I/CLP/58), hear presentations by the secretariat on the main findings of these background notes and hold a round-table discussion on each topic.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/57	Competition law and policy and regulation in the digital era
TD/B/C.I/CLP/58	Competition advocacy during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19

Item 7

International experiences and best practices in competition law enforcement against cross-border cartels

8. In accordance with paragraph 31 of resolution A adopted by 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, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hear an oral report by the secretariat on the working group on cross-border cartels and decide on future work.

Item 8

Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy: Malawi

9. In accordance with paragraphs 15 and 16 (a) of resolution A adopted by 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, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will conduct a voluntary peer review of the competition law and policy of Malawi. The full report of the peer review will be made available (UNCTAD/DITC/CLP/2021/2) and, to facilitate discussion of the report, an overview will be made available in all languages (TD/B/C.I/CLP/59).

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/59	Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy of Malawi: Overview
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Item 9

Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy

10. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will consider the secretariat report entitled “Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition and consumer protection laws and policies” (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/25–TD/B/C.I/CLP/60) and hear a presentation by the secretariat on the main activities implemented and on projects currently under way, as well as contributions from representatives of beneficiary countries and donor agencies.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/25– Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on
TD/B/C.I/CLP/60 competition and consumer protection laws and policies

Item 10**Review of chapter XIII of the Model Law on Competition, part 2:
Commentaries**

11. In accordance with paragraph 20 of resolution A adopted by 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, the UNCTAD secretariat will present the revised and updated commentaries on chapter XIII, part 2, of the Model Law on Competition on the basis of submissions received from member States (TD/B/C.I/CLP/L.13).

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/L.13 Model Law on Competition, part 2, revised chapter XIII

Item 11**Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Intergovernmental
Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**

12. Acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the twentieth session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to agree on the provisional agenda for the next session.

Item 12**Adoption of the report of the nineteenth session of the
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**

13. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will adopt its report to the Trade and Development Commission.

Experts are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of their intention to submit papers and contributions before Friday, 30 April 2021. Written papers and contributions can be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat until Monday, 31 May 2021.

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