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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 on Competition Law and Policy may wish to adopt the provisional agenda as contained in chapter I above.

3. It is proposed that the opening plenary meeting of the twenty-second session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 July 2024, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Friday, 5 July 2024, will be devoted to the adoption of the provisional agenda of the Ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices and to the adoption of the report of the twenty-second session (items 10 and 11). In view of the short duration of the session, the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur will be authorized to complete the final report after the closure of the session.

4. The remaining meetings, from 3 July (after the election of officers and general statements) to the afternoon of 5 July, can then be devoted to substantive items 3 to 9 of the provisional agenda. If necessary, the adoption of the report may be postponed until the late afternoon of 5 July in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/73

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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. In accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/72) and resolution B 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 (TD/RBP/CONF.9/9), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hear oral reports by the secretariat and member States on the implementation of the resolution.

Item 4

Report of the working group on cross-border cartels

6. In accordance with paragraph 11 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session, 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 5**Enforcing competition law in digital markets and ecosystems: Policy challenges and options**

7. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the secretariat note titled “Enforcing competition law in digital markets and ecosystems: Policy challenges and options” and will hold a round-table discussion on the topic.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CLP/74 Enforcing competition law in digital markets and ecosystems:
Policy challenges and options

Item 6**Round table on competition policy and poverty reduction**

8. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hold a round-table discussion on the topic of competition policy and poverty reduction.

Item 7**Round table on recent developments in merger control standards**

9. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hold a round-table discussion on the topic of recent developments in merger control standards.

Item 8**Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy: Egypt**

10. In accordance with paragraph 12 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will conduct a voluntary peer review of the competition law and policy of Egypt. The full report of the peer review will be made available (UNCTAD/DITC/CLP/2024/1) and, to facilitate discussion of the report, an overview will be made available in all languages (TD/B/C.I/CLP/75).

TD/B/C.I/CLP/75 Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy of
Egypt: Overview

Item 9**Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy**

11. In accordance with paragraph 16 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its twenty-first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the secretariat note titled “Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition and consumer protection laws and policies” (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/41–TD/B/C.I/CLP/76) and will hear an oral report by the

secretariat on the main activities implemented and on projects currently under way, as well as contributions from representatives of beneficiary countries.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/41- Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on
TD/B/C.I/CLP/76 competition and consumer protection laws and policies

Item 10
Provisional agenda of the Ninth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices

12. Acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the Ninth 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 is expected to agree on the provisional agenda for the Conference.

Item 11
Adoption of the report of the twenty-second 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 advise the UNCTAD secretariat of their intention to submit papers and contributions before Friday, 10 May 2024. Written papers and contributions can be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat until Friday, 7 June 2024.

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