



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

First session, 17 and 18 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

Interactive discussion: Peer learning – discussion on the methodology for voluntary peer reviews of consumer protection law and policy

**Tuesday, 18 October 2016 (12–1 p.m.)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (first floor)**

On 22 December 2015, the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/186 on consumer protection, including the revised United Nations guidelines for consumer protection and establishment of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy to provide the international institutional machinery for the guidelines.

The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy is mandated to conduct voluntary peer reviews of national consumer protection policies of Member States, as implemented by consumer protection authorities.

This session will discuss the method of work in fulfilling this function. The note by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled "Method of work and work programme, 2016–2020" (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/2; available at <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=1060>) provides some considerations based on the successful experience of UNCTAD with regard to voluntary peer reviews on competition law and policy.

To facilitate discussion, the secretariat proposes the following issues:

- (a) What are the substantive key features with regard to approach, method of work, outcomes and stakeholder participation in conducting voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection?
- (b) Should any modifications be made to the methodology for conducting voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection as proposed in the note by the UNCTAD secretariat?
- (c) Should there be any similarities to the established process for conducting voluntary peer reviews on competition law and policy? If not, what are the particularities in conducting voluntary peer reviews on consumer protection?

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Work programme

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| 12–12.10 p.m. | Opening remarks by UNCTAD secretariat |
| 12.10–12.40 p.m. | Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Allan Asher, Consumer Policy Adviser, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Economic Governance• Mr. Oleg Prusakov, Director, Department on Consumer Rights Protection, Russian Federation• Mr. Hugh Stevenson, Deputy Director, Office of International Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, United States of America |
| 12.40–1 p.m. | Interactive discussion |

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Pierre Horna (Pierre.Horna@unctad.org).