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**Trade and Development Board**  
**Trade and Development Commission**  
Intergovernmental Group of Experts  
on Consumer Protection Law and Policy  
First session  
Geneva, 18–19 October 2016  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda  
**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

## Provisional agenda and annotations

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## II. Annotations

### Item 1

#### Election of officers

1. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection 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 contained in chapter I above.

3. It is proposed that the first plenary meeting, which will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 October 2016, should be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Tuesday 19 October 2016, will be devoted to the adoption of the report and the provisional agenda of the second session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts to be held in July 2017 (item 4 of the provisional agenda). 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 18 October (after the election of officers and general statements) to the morning of 19 October, can then be devoted to substantive items 3 (a) and 3 (b) of the provisional agenda. If necessary, the adoption of the report may be postponed until the late afternoon of 19 October in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

#### *Documentation*

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### Item 3 (a)

#### Launch of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection and discussions on related matters

5. In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 70/186 on consumer protection adopted on 22 December 2015, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy is established within the framework of an existing commission of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. It will operate until 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, at which its work will be reviewed and the renewal of its mandate, considered. In its first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts is invited to discuss the issues listed below, following the revision of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection:

- (a) Launch of the revised United Nations guidelines for consumer protection;
- (b) Engaging stakeholders for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals: leaving no consumer behind;
- (c) Challenges and perspectives for the emerging collaborative economy;
- (d) Capacity-building in consumer protection: trends and challenges.

6. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to identify practical ways for the outcomes of the discussions on the above round-table topics to feed into capacity-

building activities for interested consumer protection agencies in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

**Item 3 (b) Method of work and work programme for the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy for the period 2016–2020, including consultations and discussions regarding peer reviews on consumer protection law and policy, capacity-building and technical assistance on consumer protection law and policy**

7. Under the agenda item, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to decide on its method of work and work programme for the period 2016–2020. To facilitate this exercise, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will have reviewed the secretariat report entitled “Method of work and work programme, 2016–2020” and heard presentations by experts, international and regional actors, as well as representatives of the private sector and civil society. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts is also expected to give guidance to the UNCTAD secretariat on further capacity-building work to be undertaken in consumer protection law and policy.

8. More specifically, in guideline 97 (c) of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection, the General Assembly decided that UNCTAD should conduct voluntary peer reviews of national consumer protection policies of Member States, as implemented by consumer protection authorities. In order to discuss and develop a methodology, section C of chapter III of the secretariat report contains possible guidelines.

9. The secretariat will publish, as a non-sessional document, the revised United Nations guidelines for consumer protection.\*

10. Experts are invited to make an oral presentation supported by a short written paper on the subjects referred to above. The papers will be made available in the meeting room during the consultations. Should countries wish to hold consultations on other subjects, they are invited to inform the secretariat of the subject by no later than 16 September 2016 to enable all participants to prepare for the consultations.

*Documentation*

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/2	Method of work and work programme, 2016–2020
TD/B/C.I/CPLP/3	Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy

**Item 4**

**Provisional agenda for the second session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy**

11. Acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the second session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to agree on the provisional agenda for the next session of the meeting, which should come out of the discussions under item 3(b).

**Item 5**

**Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy**

12. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts will adopt its report to the Trade and Development Commission.

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\* See also A/RES/70/186, annex.

Experts are requested to submit papers to the UNCTAD secretariat as soon as possible. For further information, please contact Mr. Arnau Izaguerri, Competition Law and Policy Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD (e-mail: [arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org](mailto:arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org)).

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### Corrigendum

1. The corner notation of document TD/B/C.I/CPLP/1 should read as above.
2. **Paragraph 10, documentation list**

For the existing title of document TD/B/C.I/CPLP/3 *substitute*

Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition and consumer policies

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