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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 on Consumer Protection 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 sixth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18 July 2022, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Tuesday, 19 July 2022, will be devoted to the adoption of the provisional agenda of the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts and to the adoption of the report of the sixth 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 the closure of the session.

4. The remaining meetings, from 18 July (after the election of officers and general statements) to the morning of 19 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 19 July in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/27

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Item 3

Report on the implementation of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection by member States and relevant stakeholders

5. The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution on consumer protection of 22 December 2015, decided to adopt the revised United Nations guidelines for consumer protection (A/RES/70/186). In accordance with paragraph 97 (a) of the revised guidelines, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will hear an oral report by member States and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the guidelines.

Items 4 and 5

Latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks: UNCTAD world consumer protection map; report of the working groups on: (a) consumer product safety; (b) consumer protection in electronic commerce; and (c) modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection laws and policies

6. In accordance with paragraphs 11, 16 (b), 27, 29 and 30 of resolution A and the recommendation on preventing cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products 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 on

Consumer Protection Law and Policy will hear oral reports by the secretariat on the latest developments in legal and institutional frameworks (UNCTAD world consumer protection map); the working group on consumer product safety; the working group on consumer protection in electronic commerce; and the working group on modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection laws and policies. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to decide on future work.

Items 6, 7 and 8

Modalities for the implementation of the recommendation on preventing the cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products; financial consumer protection, including financial education and literacy; consumer protection in the provision of health services

7. In accordance with paragraph 27 of resolution A and the recommendation on preventing cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products adopted by the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set (TD/RBP/CONF.9/9), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will consider the secretariat notes titled “Modalities for the implementation of the recommendation on preventing the cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products” (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/28) and “Financial consumer protection, including financial education and literacy” (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/29), will hear oral reports by the secretariat on the main findings in the notes and will hold a round-table discussion on each of the topics, as well as a round-table discussion on the topic of consumer protection in the provision of health services.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/28	Modalities for the implementation of the recommendation on preventing the cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products
TD/B/C.I/CPLP/29	Financial consumer protection, including financial education and literacy

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Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy: Thailand

8. In accordance with paragraph 16 (a) of resolution A adopted by the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set (TD/RBP/CONF.9/9), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will conduct a voluntary peer review of the consumer protection law and policy of Thailand. The full report on the peer review will be made available (UNCTAD/DITC/CPLP/2022/1) and, to facilitate discussion of the report, an overview will be made available in all languages (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/30).

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/30	Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy of Thailand: Overview
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Item 10

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

9. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy 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/31–

TD/B/C.I/CLP/65) 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 and donor agencies.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/31– TD/B/C.I/CLP/65	Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition and consumer protection laws and policies
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Item 11
Provisional agenda of the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

10. Acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the seventh session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy is expected to agree on the provisional agenda of the next session.

Item 12
Adoption of the report of the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

11. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection 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, 20 May 2022. Written papers and contributions can be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat until Friday, 24 June 2022.

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