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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy Nineteenth session

Geneva, 7–9 July 2021

The nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will be held from 7 to 9 July 2021. The session will open in room XIX of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 July. The extent of physical and/or virtual participation will depend on the prevailing conditions at the time.

Background documents and agenda

In line with the agreed conclusions 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), held on 19–23 October 2020, the deliberations at the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will focus on the following topics:

- a) 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.
- b) Report of the working group on modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection law and policy.
- c) Competition law, policy and regulation in the digital era.
- d) Competition advocacy during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis.
- e) International experiences and best practices in competition law enforcement against cross-border cartels.
- f) Voluntary peer review on competition law and policy: Malawi.
- g) Review of capacity-building on and technical assistance in competition law and policy.
- h) Review of chapter XIII of the Model Law on Competition, part 2: Commentaries.
- i) Provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy.
- j) Adoption of the report of the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy.

Written contributions

In order to facilitate the deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and best practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 4 June 2021, to allow participants to prepare themselves for the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts.

Participation

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general category may participate as observers.

Online registration, at [Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, nineteenth session](#), is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration (before 25 June 2021) is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission concerned in Geneva will suffice.

Further enquiries regarding registration should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

Substantive and other inquiries should be addressed to the UNCTAD secretariat, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch; fax: 41 22 917 0044; email: Jacqueline.bouvier@unctad.org.



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