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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 seventh session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 July 2023, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Tuesday, 4 July 2023, will be devoted to the adoption of the provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts and to the adoption of the report of the seventh 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 4 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 4 July in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/33

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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; reports of the working groups on: (a) consumer product safety; (b) consumer protection in electronic commerce; and (c) consumer protection and gender

6. In accordance with paragraphs 12, 13 and 15 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its sixth session (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/32) and paragraphs 29 and 30 of resolution A 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 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 consumer protection and gender. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to decide on future work.

Item 6

Building trust in digital markets through enhanced consumer protection on online platforms

7. In accordance with paragraph 16 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its sixth session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the secretariat note titled “Building trust in digital markets through enhanced consumer protection on online platforms” (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/34), will hear presentations by the secretariat on the main findings in the note and will hold a round-table discussion on the topic.

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/34

Building trust in digital markets through enhanced consumer protection on online platforms

Items 7

Consumer protection and the transition to clean energy

8. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its sixth session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will facilitate consultations and the exchange of views among member States on the topic of consumer protection and the transition to clean energy.

Items 8

Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy: Gabon

9. In accordance with paragraph 16 (a) of resolution A adopted by the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set, 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 Gabon. The full report of the peer review will be made available (UNCTAD/DITC/CPLP/2023/1) and, to facilitate discussion of the report, an overview will be made available in all languages (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/35).

Documentation

TD/B/C.I/CPLP/35

Voluntary peer review of consumer protection law and policy of Gabon: Overview

Item 9

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

10. In accordance with paragraph 18 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its sixth 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/36–TD/B/C.I/CLP/71) 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/36 –
TD/B/C.I/CLP/71

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

Item 10

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

11. Acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the eighth 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 11

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

12. 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, 12 May 2023. Written papers and contributions can be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat until Friday, 16 June 2023.

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