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**Trade and Development Board**  
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Eighth session  
Geneva, 1 and 2 July 2024  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda  
**Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

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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 eighth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1 July 2024, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Tuesday, 2 July 2024, will be devoted to the adoption of the provisional agenda of 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 and to the adoption of the report of the eighth 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 1 July (after the election of officers and general statements) to the afternoon of 2 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 2 July in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

#### *Documentation*

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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 oral reports 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 10 to 12 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its seventh session (TD/B/C.I/CPLP/37) 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**

### **Enhancing the consumer movement: Means to facilitate the development of independent consumer groups**

7. In accordance with paragraph 13 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the secretariat note titled “Enhancing the consumer movement: Means to facilitate the development of independent consumer groups” and will hold a round-table discussion on the topic.

#### *Documentation*

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Enhancing the consumer movement: Means to facilitate the development of independent consumer groups

## **Item 7**

### **Round table on protecting consumers as tourists**

8. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hold a round-table discussion on the topic of protecting consumers as tourists.

## **Item 8**

### **Impact assessment of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of consumer protection law and policy**

9. In accordance with paragraph 97 (c) of the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy shall conduct voluntary peer reviews of the national consumer protection policies of Member States, as implemented by consumer protection authorities. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the secretariat note titled “Impact assessment of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of consumer protection law and policy” and will hear an oral report by the secretariat.

#### *Documentation*

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Impact assessment of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of consumer protection law and policy

## **Item 9**

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

10. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the agreed conclusions of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy at its seventh 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/41–TD/B/C.I/CLP/76) 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.

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TD/B/C.I/CPLP/41- TD/B/C.I/CLP/76	Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition and consumer protection laws and policies
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**Item 10**  
**Provisional agenda of 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**

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

**Item 11**  
**Adoption of the report of the eighth 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, 10 May 2024. Written papers and contributions can be submitted to the UNCTAD secretariat until Friday, 7 June 2024.

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