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Geneva, 20–22 July 2022  
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 Competition 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 Competition 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 twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts, which will start at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 July 2022, be devoted to procedural matters (items 1 and 2 of the provisional agenda) and introductory statements. The closing plenary meeting, on Friday, 22 July 2022, will be devoted to the adoption of the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts and to the adoption of the report of the twentieth 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 20 July (after the election of officers and general statements) to the morning of 22 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 22 July in order to allow for an informal working session to be held that afternoon.

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### Item 3

#### **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**

5. In accordance with resolution B 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 an oral report by the secretariat and member States on the implementation of the guiding policies and procedures under section F of the Set.

### Item 4

#### **Report of the working group on modalities of UNCTAD voluntary peer reviews of competition and consumer protection laws and policies**

6. In accordance with paragraph 16 (b) of resolution A adopted by the Eighth United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set (TD/RBP/CONF.9/9) and with paragraph 11 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its nineteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/61), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hear an oral report by the secretariat on 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.

**Item 5****Report of the working group on cross-border cartels**

7. In accordance with paragraph 12 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its nineteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/61), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hear an oral report by the secretariat on the working group on cross-border cartels. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts is expected to decide on future work.

**Item 6****The role of competition law and policy in supporting microenterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises during economic recovery in the post-pandemic period**

8. In accordance with paragraph 17 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its nineteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/61), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will hold a round-table discussion on this topic.

**Item 7****Rethinking competition law enforcement: Lessons learned from the pandemic, particularly in socially important markets – Challenges and opportunities for an effective response during the pandemic and economic recovery in the post-pandemic period**

9. In accordance with paragraph 16 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its nineteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/61), the Intergovernmental Group of Experts will consider the secretariat note titled “Rethinking competition law enforcement: Lessons learned from the pandemic, particularly in socially important markets – Challenges and opportunities for an effective response during the pandemic and economic recovery in the post-pandemic period” (TD/B/C.I/CLP/63).

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Rethinking competition law enforcement: Lessons learned from the pandemic, particularly in socially important markets – Challenges and opportunities for an effective response during the pandemic and economic recovery in the post-pandemic period

**Item 8****Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy: Bangladesh**

10. In accordance with paragraph 14 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy at its nineteenth session (TD/B/C.I/CLP/61), UNCTAD should continue to undertake peer reviews of competition law and policy following requests from member States and in accordance with available resources. The full report on the peer review of the competition law and policy of Bangladesh will be made available (UNCTAD/DITC/CLP/2022/1) and, to facilitate discussion of the report, an overview will be made available in all languages (TD/B/C.I/CLP/64).

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Voluntary peer review of competition law and policy of Bangladesh: Overview

**Item 9****Review of capacity-building in and technical assistance on competition law and policy**

11. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition 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.

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**Item 10****Provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**

12. Acting in its capacity as the preparatory body for the twenty-first session, the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy is expected to agree on the provisional agenda of the next session.

**Item 11****Adoption of the report of the twentieth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy**

13. The Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition 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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