



News Release

David Lewis appointed Interim Chair of the International Competition Network Steering Group and William Kovacic nominated as Vice Chair for Outreach

January 22, 2009 – The Steering Group of the International Competition Network (ICN) has selected David Lewis, Chairperson of the South African Competition Tribunal, to be the Interim Chair of the ICN Steering Group.

The ICN is an informal network of competition agencies from developed and developing countries, whose common aim is to address practical antitrust enforcement and policy issues. By enhancing convergence and cooperation, the ICN promotes more efficient and effective antitrust enforcement worldwide, for the benefit of consumers and businesses.

“I am very honoured to have been nominated as Interim Chair,” said Mr. Lewis. “During my time as Chair, I will continue the work that was being performed under the leadership of Sheridan Scott, and to encourage the adoption of ICN Recommended Practices and assistance to jurisdictions developing or revising their competition laws.”

Mr. Lewis succeeds Sheridan Scott, former Commissioner of Competition for Canada. Mr. Lewis will take on the new role until the next ICN Annual Conference, which will be held in Zurich, Switzerland, in June 2009.

Mr. William Kovacic, Chairman, United States Federal Trade Commission, will replace Mr. Lewis as the ICN’s Vice-Chair of Outreach. Mr. Kovacic is responsible for encouraging younger competition agencies and non-governmental advisors to become more involved in the ICN. He is well suited for this role since he has worked in many developing countries as an advisor on antitrust or consumer protection issues. As well, for over a decade, the United States Federal Trade Commission has been instrumental in the development of capacity building for younger agencies.

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