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### **Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 22 January 2020**

Dear colleagues,

I wish you and your families all the best for 2020 and I look forward to continuing our work in the ICN.

We will start our first meeting of 2020 with a brief look at the current working group leadership as a basis for the Co-chair rotation process.

The meeting will focus on the potential Steering Group Project, and we will continue the discussion we had in Paris where we reviewed the scoping paper “Project on competition, consumer protection, and privacy”. Many Steering Group members highlighted the relevance of the issues involved for their work and expressed strong support for the project. There was, however, a request to focus the topic on the role of data in competition assessment as the proposal to look at the intersection with other areas of law was considered too broad. We decided to do more work on defining the scope of the project with the aim of reaching consensus on the way forward. Meanwhile, we have received a scoping note on a “Project on Competitive Impact of the Data Revolution”. As a new aspect I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the OECD Competition Committee will hold a roundtable on consumer data rights and impact of competition in June 2020.

In our meeting, we will have a look at both scoping papers and explore how to proceed and make best use of the remaining time before the Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

We will then hear an update on Annual Conference planning which is well on track and updates on workshops from the Merger Working Group and the Agency Effectiveness Working Group.

The ICN CAP Co-Chairs will present the new website, and the ICN/OECD liaison will inform us about the status of the joint work with the OECD on international cooperation.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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