



ICN Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday, 15 March 2023

8:00 Ottawa / 14:00 Bonn

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
Colombian Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Hungarian Gazdasági Versenyhivatal
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Kenya Competition Authority
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Portuguese Competition Authority
Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
Spanish National Markets and Competition Commission
Turkish Competition Authority
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 18 January 2023.

The Chair informed SG members that María del Socorro Pimienta was appointed as new Superintendent of the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce of Colombia. He then welcomed the new president of the Portuguese Competition Authority, Nuno Cunha Rodrigues as well as the new Acting Director-General of the Kenyan Competition Authority, Dr. Adano Wario Roba, to the SG.

The Chair informed about the current status of the ICN Check-In and the reintroduction of the routine of an ICN statement of achievement at the end of the ICN year in October.

Item 2: Unilateral Conduct Workshop and report

The Unilateral Conduct Working Group (UCWG) Co-chairs reported back from the successful workshop, which was held from 7 to 8 March 2023 in Tokyo.

The UCWG Co-chairs also presented the report “Analysis of Theories of Harm and Design of Remedies Concerning Unilateral Conduct with Dominance/Substantial Market Power in Digital Markets” that was discussed at the workshop for SG approval. The report was approved unanimously by the SG members.

Item 3: Annual Conference

Cani Fernández, President of the CNMC, shared the current status of the conference preparations for the ICN Annual conference that will take place in Barcelona from 18-20 October 2023.

The Chair initiated the discussion about the host of the AC in 2025. The SG members endorsed the CMA (UK) as host of the 2025 ICN Annual Conference.

Item 4: Vice Chair and SG Members’ Hot Topics Presentation

Lina Khan, Chair of the US FTC, presented first plans as ICN Vice Chair focussing on digital economy issues building on the ICN’s successful work in this area. She then continued the series of SG members’ hot topics discussions and reported about current developments regarding digital economy issues in the US and the FTC’s Office of Technology.

Item 5: Other Business

No other business was reported.

Item 6: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meetings will take place on 26 April, 14 June (Paris), 6 September, 27 September and 20 October 2023 (Barcelona).