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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 30 November 2022

Dear colleagues,

Our meeting in Paris on 30 November will be one of the rare opportunities to come together in person to push the ICN forward; accordingly, we will have a full agenda.

Vice Chair

According to the ICN Operational Framework, the Chair, after consultation with the SG, may nominate up to two Vice Chairs for SG approval. Margarida Matos Rosa, President of the Portuguese AdC, acts as ICN Vice Chair. The second Vice Chair position has been vacant since the term of Commissioner Tembinkosi Bonakele ended. I am very happy to inform you that Lina Khan, Chair of the US FTC, has expressed interest to serve as an ICN Vice Chair. The FTC traditionally has been very engaged in the ICN and Lina Khan is willing to continue this engagement in this leading position. At the meeting, I intend to nominate Lina Khan as ICN Vice Chair.

3D

We will then hear from the Third Decade project team. To ensure impact the team has revisited the input from ICN members and the 3D recommendations and distilled two key issues as a starting point for 3D implementation: First, feedback from Third Decade consultations has served to identify the critical link between network participation and communication. The ICN offers many opportunities for member engagement, but it is crucial that all members and NGAs be informed of these opportunities to participate. Second, the ICN should provide a baseline opportunity for all to participate given that members' capacity to participate is shaped by differences in resources and experience. Based on this, the 3D team has developed the 'Open ICN Programme' to ensure that all members have opportunities to participate in the network

and are aware of these opportunities by combining and coordinating the already existing good approaches and adding new tools, particularly a new Focus Group to provide a resource-light opportunity for interested members to access the ICN's ongoing work and administration.

Intersection

The project on competition law enforcement at the intersection between competition, consumer protection and privacy is approaching its next main milestone, a practical agency considerations paper. The project team will provide a status report based on an outline of the paper circulated ahead of the meeting. The team is also planning to explore options for interaction with the International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network (ICPEN) and the Global Privacy Assembly (GPA).

SG members' hot topics discussions: strategic priorities

The ICN is attractive to agencies because it deals with topics that matter to its members. The ICN provides practical tools for successful enforcement, and is also at the vanguard of new approaches. The SG offers a unique setting as a generator of and incubator for ideas which is reflected by the series of SG members' hot topics discussions. At our meeting, we will continue this format based on an introduction by Sarah Cardell, Interim Chief Executive of the UK CMA. Sarah will set out how the UK CMA has developed its strategic priorities framework, how it works in practice, and will very briefly set out the CMA's strategic priorities for delivery. In response, SG members are invited to comment and discuss how agencies develop their own strategies or strategic priorities in uncertain times and the other challenges agencies face in an international context.

ICN/OECD

Given that we will meet in Paris, the ICN/OECD Liaison will provide us with an overview of OECD work and projects.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Best wishes,

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