

ICN Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

2:00 pm (Bonn)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Barbados Fair Trading Commission

Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense

Competition Bureau Canada

European Commission DG Competition

French Autorité de la concurrence

German Bundeskartellamt

Japan Fair Trade Commission

Italian Competition Authority

Korean Fair Trade Commission

Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission

Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets

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 Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the January 14 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by January 23, 2015.

Item 2: Annual Conference

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission provided an update on the 2015 Annual Conference, such as , the draft agenda was uploaded to the website and the number of registered conference attendees. The SG members then continued the discussion on media access to the Annual Conference which was started at the December

SG meeting. It was agreed that Media representatives (as all other conference participants) need to be accredited as participants by the conference organizer in order to be able to attend this ICN event. It was further agreed that plenary sessions would be open to all registered participants, including the media. As a general rule, breakout sessions also will be open to the media, but that the Chatham House Rule would apply. Working Groups seeking to limit press participation should coordinate with the Chair's office.

Item 3: Work plans

The Chair reminded SG members of the importance of the work plan discussion which will be held at the next SG meeting. The Horizontal Coordinator reminded SG members of the upcoming deadline on January 23 for the short version work plans. The Horizontal Coordinator will draft an interim report based on the short version work plans for the February SG meeting.

Item 4: 2015 Member and NGA Engagement and Outreach

Vice Chair Bruno Lasserre gave a brief update on recent and future member and NGA engagement and outreach. He explained the efforts he had undertaken in the past months and reflected on what future work could be envisaged.

Item 5: OECD Survey

The Chair informed the SG that he had received a letter co-signed by Mr. Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development and Mr. Nicola Bonucci, Director, Legal Affairs, presenting new OECD work on the rule-making of international organisations. Attached to the letter was a survey that aimed to collect information from more than eighty International Organisations on the specific role that International Organisations play in international regulatory co-operation.

The SG agreed that a group of volunteers would draft a response which would then be sent to the SG for comments and approval.

Item 6: Membership WG

The SG approved the application of the Competition Tribunal of Zambia to join the ICN, as it met the criteria to become an ICN member.

Item 7: Other Business

The SG approved the request made by AIN on behalf of the Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission, to provide assistance under through AISUP. The Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission is currently not yet an ICN member, but their membership request will be dealt with at the next SG meeting. One member agency had already volunteered to assist the Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission upon SG approval.

Item 8: Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next SG meeting will be held on February, 18, 2015, which was rescheduled.