

ICN Steering Group Meeting Wednesday, April 2, 2014 2:00pm (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 Autority** Korean Fair Trade Commission Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission Netherlands Authority and Consumers Market Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority United States Department of Justice **United States Federal Trade Commission**

Moroccan Competition Council
Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the January 15 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by April 11, 2014.

Item 2: Selection of new Working Group Chairs

The Chair asked for SG members to approve the new Working Group (WG) Chairs as described in the WG Chair Rotation overview. The SG endorsed the rotation of Chairs for the 2014 – 2017 term and thanked those ICN members who were stepping down as WG Chairs for their contribution to the respective WG.

Item 3: Approval of ICN Work Products

The SG approved the following work products for presentation at the 13th annual ICN conference in Marrakech. A second set of work products will be submitted for approval at the meeting on April 16.

Merger WG

 ICN Merger Working Group Interim Report on the Status of the International Merger Enforcement Cooperation Project

Unilateral Conduct WG

 ICN Recommended Practices on Predatory Pricing Analysis Pursuant to Unilateral Conduct Laws

AIN

Activity Report on AIN 2013-2014

Item 4: 2014 Annual Conference

The Moroccan Competition Council (MCC) gave an update on the 2014 Annual Conference and the pre-event which will be held in Marrakesh at the end of the month. The Conference will be held under the High Patronage of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI.

The MCC noted that 470 foreign participants had registered before the close of registration. About 70 additional Moroccan delegates are expected to join the conference.

Item 5: 2016 Annual Conference host agency

Three member agencies from the following jurisdictions: Kazakhstan, Russia and Singapore expressed interest in hosting the 2016 ICN Annual Conference. The SG members selected the Competition Commission of Singapore to host the 2016 annual ICN conference, based on the criteria outlined in the Operational Framework.

Item 6: Other Business

The US FTC gave a brief debrief on the ICN Roundtable on Investigative Process that was held in Washington on March 25, 2014. The Roundtable was very well attended with 115 participants from 35 jurisdictions and presented an excellent opportunity for ICN members to interact with the NGAs. The Roundtable covered topics such as: transparency of agencies' investigations, opportunities for parties to engage with the agency, and protection of confidential information. A report on the Roundtable will be prepared so that many more ICN members can benefit from the discussions held.

The Chair informed SG members that there had been no volunteer for drafting the Statement of Achievements document. Following the offer from European Commission DG Competition to draft a table summarising the accomplished work, the Chair suggested to postpone the discussion to the next meeting. Then the suggested table could be reviewed and SG members could decide how to proceed.

Item 7. Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next Steering Group meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, April 16, 2014 (rescheduled from April 9, 2014)
- Friday, April 25, 2014 (last day of conference)