

**ICN Steering Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 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 Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato  
Korean Fair Trade Commission  
Mexican Federal Commission for Economic Competition  
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets  
United Kingdom Office of Fair Trading  
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 October 30 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by January 24, 2014.

**Item 2: 2014 Annual Conference**

The Secretariat informed the SG that the invitations had been sent out and that the website was working now. The registration was now open and all members were asked to do so as soon as possible.

Discussions on the agenda are still ongoing among Annual Conference Planning Committee members.

Finally the Secretariat mentioned that the Pre-ICN event sponsored by the World Bank Group in collaboration with the African Competition Forum supported by the International Development Research Center and the Regional Center of Competition for Latin America will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The International Chamber of Commerce will also hold an event on the same day.

**Item 3: UCWG Recommended Practices on Predatory Pricing**

The SG discussed the OFT's background note on the current status of discussions with regard to the Unilateral Conduct (UC) Working Group (WG) Draft Recommended Practices (RP) on Predatory Pricing. The note outlined different options how to deal with remaining areas of divergence, partly reflecting jurisdictional differences. In opening the floor the Chair reminded

participants that UC was an area where Members' views differed regarding how a certain conduct should be evaluated and that a common text would have to leave sufficient room for different approaches while allowing every jurisdiction to apply clearer or stricter standards in practice. Most participants agreed that such a document defining large areas of consensus would provide great use for young competition agencies. Some SG members supported the explicit mentioning and explanation of jurisdictional differences, other SG members suggested to keep those issues with substantial differences sufficiently open to cover different ways of dealing with them. One SG member voiced concerns that the idea of an RP was to define best policies and that fundamental differences should not be compromised. It was agreed that the UCWG should continue to look for wording that would be acceptable to all.

#### Item 4: Steering Group Projects

The ICN - OECD Liaison gave an update on the OECD's and the ICN's current work on cooperation. Also one of the forthcoming OECD topics "impacts of competition policies" will refer directly to the work of the ICN.

#### Item 5: 2015 Annual Conference

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) announced that the 2015 Annual Conference will be held in Sydney from April 28 April to May 1 2015. More details will be provided in the coming months. The ACCC is currently working on the logo and information to be presented at the 2014 Annual Conference in Marrakech.

#### Item 6. Other business:

The Chair informed SG members that progress had been made on the WG Chair rotation. Most expressions of interest will probably be accommodated. This will be made possible by enlarging the Subgroups of the CWG to three Chairs. This decision will be revisited in due course.

The Chair also mentioned that a call with interested authorities would be held on January 21th to determine the scope of the Verticals project. The call would serve as a good opportunity for a first brainstorming session. Authorities interested in joining were requested to get in touch with the Chair's Office.

#### Item 7. Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next Steering Group meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, February 26, 2014 (on the margins of the OECD)
- Wednesday, April 2, 2014
- Wednesday, April 9, 2014