

ICN Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

2:00pm (Bonn)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
(ACCC)
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition and Markets Authority
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
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Competition Authority
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
South African Competition Commission
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 June 18 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by July 18, 2014.

Item 2: Working Group Updates

The Working Groups (WG) were invited to give brief updates on their respective WG activities since the Annual Conference and if possible also on the forward planning for this ICN year. WGs reported that they were proceeding well in putting into operation the approved work plans. Workshop planning is currently an important part for those WGs planning to hold a workshop during the fall.

Item 3: 2015 Annual Conference

The 2015 Annual Conference will be held from April 28 until May 1, 2015 at the Sheraton on the Park Hotel in Sydney. The ACCC provided details on social events and further organisation. There was also a brief overview of the special project, which will deal with online vertical restraints.

Item 4: Evaluation of 2014 Annual Conference

The Secretariat reminded SG members that evaluation forms for the 2014 Annual Conference had been circulated. Only 27 responses were received to date. The Secretariat will send an email to conference attendees reminding them to respond to the survey.

Item 5: Specified Purpose Account

The Secretariat provided the annual financial update of the ICN Specified Purpose Account as mentioned in Section 4 of the *Resolution of the International Competition Network Steering Group and Undertaking Between Canada and International Competition Network Steering Group*. The Secretariat recommended that based on the available funds this ICN year, that funding should only be available for one event, namely the Merger Workshop. SG members supported this approach for this year. The Chair announced that he would remind the membership of the significance of financial contributions to the ICN Specified Purpose Account.

Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next Steering Group meetings will be held:

- September 17, 2014 (if required)
- October 29, 2014
- November 19, 2014 (if required)
- December 17, 2014 (on the margins of the OECD)
- January 14, 2015
- February 18, 2015
- March 18, 2015 (if required)
- April 8, 2015
- April 15, 2015