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## **Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 15 March 2023**

Dear colleagues,

The first few months of this year have been marked by a considerable amount of activities within the ICN. As announced at our last meeting, we have successfully started the new ICN annual Check-In to confirm members' contact information and invite them to provide input on participation or other suggestions they may have. I have received very positive feedback from several authorities that appreciate being involved. At the same time, webinars that stir up discussion amongst ICN members are being held, topics for the annual conference are being discussed and working groups are pressing ahead with their work products. Given this high level of productivity at the ICN, I will reintroduce the Chair's letter of achievement at the end of the ICN year in October.

### **Unilateral Conduct Workshop**

The Unilateral Conduct Working Group Co-Chairs will report back from the workshop in Tokyo, which took place from 7 to 8 March 2023. I would like to personally thank our Japanese colleagues and congratulate them on the successful workshop that stimulated the discussion on various hot topics. Within the scope of the meeting, the Unilateral Conduct Working Group also presented and discussed their report "Analysis of Theories of Harm and Design of Remedies Concerning Unilateral Conduct with Dominance/Substantial Market Power in Digital Markets" that will be up for SG approval next week.

### **Annual Conference**

The preparations for the ICN Annual Conference that will take place in Barcelona from 18-20 October 2023 are advancing. The Host and Co-Chairs have already set a precise schedule with the goal to finalize the Agenda before our summer-break so that we can discuss speakers at the

in-person SG meeting in June. The Spanish CNMC will provide an update on the current status of the conference preparations.

Picking up last meeting's discussion, the SG members will also be invited to discuss potential hosts for the 2025 ICN Annual Conference and to take a decision.

**Vice Chair and SG Members' Hot Topics Presentation**

Lina Khan, Chair of the U.S. FTC, who was confirmed as ICN Vice Chair at the SG meeting on 30 November 2022, will share her plans for first activities that will focus on digital economy issues building on the ICN's activities in this area.

She will also give a brief update on the developments in the digital sector in the U.S. The SG members will be invited to bring in their perspectives and experience.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Best wishes,

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