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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 16 February 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Our meeting on 16 February 2022 will focus on a presentation by Matthew Boswell, Commissioner of Competition, Canadian Competition Bureau (CBC), on the CBC's increased budget as well as the recent announcement by the Government of Canada to launch the review of the Canadian competition laws. Leila Wright, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Digital Enforcement & Intelligence Branch, will present the new role of the CBC's digital unit.

The involvement of NGAs plays an important role in the ICN. Many thanks again to Isabelle de Silva and the Autorité for the important work done in this area. At our meeting, I would like to nominate a new ICN NGA Liaison after consulting with you.

We will, of course, talk about the ICN Annual Conference in Berlin from 4-6 May 2022. I will present the latest week at a glance document now including the breakout sessions. We will also look at the press policy for the event, which is in line with approach applied at the last in-person conferences.

Spain's CNMC hosted the Advocacy Workshop on 9 and 10 February and will report back on this. I can already say that this was a very successful event. Special thanks to Cani Fernández at the CNMC and the Advocacy Working Group Co-chairs.

We will then turn to the Agency Effectiveness Working Group for an update on the various ongoing workstreams, including the Agency Effectiveness Post-COVID-19 Project and the Planning, Monitoring and Measuring Effectiveness Project.

We have discussed the book project "The International Competition Network at Twenty" at earlier meetings. It is not an ICN project, but it will deal with the ICN and the book will be

distributed at the ICN Annual Conference in Berlin. Several contributions are already available on the ICN website. The Secretariat will provide an update on this NGA driven project.

The ICN OECD Liaison will update the SG members on current and future OECD projects.

Finally, the ICN Secretariat has received expressions of interest from representatives wanting to attend the 2022 Merger Workshop, which will be held in Brazil in March, and will ask for approval to provide funding by email prior to the next SG meeting. In this context, the Secretariat will also point out any possible financial implications COVID may have with respect to the funding of participants.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Best wishes,

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