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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 19 January 2022

Dear Colleagues,

At our first meeting of 2022, we will continue the series of Steering Group members' hot topics presentations and learn about current competition law and policy issues in Latin America. These issues will be presented by Acting Chair Commissioner Brenda Hernández, COFECE Mexico, Andrés Barreto, Superintendent of Industry and Commerce, Colombia, and Alexandre Cordeiro Macedo, President of CADE Brazil.

We will also discuss ICN events and work products. The most important message with regard to the ICN Annual Conference 2022 is that we remain optimistic and are planning an in-person event in Berlin from 4-6 May 2022. The plenary sessions will be streamed via the conference website; breakout and side sessions, however, will not be streamed. As you may recall, the Bundeskartellamt will host back to back conferences, namely the International Conference on Competition (Berlin Conference or IKK) which will take place in the morning of May 4, 2022. This will be followed by the ICN Annual Conference, which will commence on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 4 and end on Friday, May 6, 2022. The conference venue for both conferences will be the Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt.

In light of the pandemic and given the increased number of cases caused by the Omicron variant, the Advocacy Working Group Co-Chairs and Spain's CNMC have decided that the 2022 ICN Advocacy Workshop will take place in an online format only. We will hear an update on these plans at our meeting.

The Agency Effectiveness Working Group finalised its Report on ICN Agencies' Case Prioritisation and Initiation. You will be asked to approve the report before it is shared with the ICN community via the ICN website.

We will then turn to the Unilateral Conduct Working Group which is co-chaired by the European Commission DG Competition, the French Autorité de la concurrence, and the Japan Fair Trade Commission and hear an update on the various ongoing workstreams including the digital projects.

The ICN introduced the Framework for Competition Agency Procedures in 2019. The ICN CAP [Report](#) presented at the Steering Group Meeting in September 2021 is available on the [ICN website](#) and provides a good overview of the ICN CAP. At our meeting, the ICN CAP Co-chairs will share plans for future activities.

I wish you a happy new year and I look forward to working with you in 2022.

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