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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 2 June 2021

Dear Colleagues,

At our next meeting we will look at the agenda for the 2021 ICN Annual Conference and discuss potential moderators and speakers. This will allow the working group co-chairs to go ahead with the planning of their sessions.

We will then hear from the Operational Framework Working Group Co-Chairs about the key elements of the Operational Framework overhaul. Not surprisingly, the discussion focuses on issues relating to ICN membership, SG membership, decision making processes, as well as the way the ICN communicates its views.

In this ICN year, which is built on virtual interaction, the ICN website has become even more important as a hub for information on activities of the working groups, webinars and other events. The ICN Secretariat will present the new calendar feature which should provide members and NGAs with a good overview on and access to ICN activities.

We received positive feedback regarding the reports in May on the G7 Digital & Technology track and the joint statement on merger control enforcement activities, and I have invited DG COMP to present the status of the Digital Markets Act at the next SG meeting. As SG members we guide the work of the ICN, which includes administrative tasks as well as guidance with regard to future topics, projects and initiatives; however, it might be worth exploring whether there is an appetite to continue this form of substantive exchange or touch on issues relevant for agency leadership without opening new work streams or duplicating work done in the working groups or other organisations.

This will be the last SG meeting of Alexandre Barreto, President CADE, and I have asked him to provide us with a brief look back at milestones and ahead at CADE's future areas of focus.

I look forward to speaking with you next Wednesday.

With best regards,

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