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**Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 3 July 2019**

Dear colleagues,

The CAP participants met after our last Steering Group meeting in Paris, and the CAP Co-chairs had their first meeting on 25 June. To keep the Steering Group informed, I will very briefly report on the ICN CAP.

The ICN Horizontal Coordinator will present the final report on the work plans for the 2019-20 ICN year. After Steering Group approval the work plans will be published on the ICN website and presented by the working group Co-chairs to the ICN community in an ICN kick off call which will take place on 8 July 2019. Again many thanks to the ICN Horizontal Coordinator for the important work.

The ICN Vice Chair for Young Agencies and Regional Diversity will propose the creation of honorary horizontal mentoring roles in order to systematize the ICN efforts to engage young and small agencies and I will invite the Steering Group members to discuss this proposal which is based on the results of the Lessons to Be Learnt from Young Competition Agencies Report.

We will then turn to future ICN events. The Unilateral Conduct Working Group Co-Chairs will present the host for the 2019 workshop**,** and the US FTC and US DOJ will provide an update on the 2020 Annual Conference planning including possible dates and a new timing from Tuesday to Thursday instead of Wednesday to Friday.

UNCTAD’s discussion group on international cooperation will meet in Geneva in July. The ICN/UNCTAD Liaison will provide us with an update.

In the lasts SG meeting in Paris, we agreed that the ICN is open to joint work on international cooperation with the OECD based on the successful International Co-Operation Project conducted by the ICN and the OECD in 2012. For us the next step is to discuss how the cooperation should be designed. In 2012, Alessandra Tonazzi of the Italian competition authority spent six months at the OECD. The OECD has brought forward the idea of following this approach again and would welcome an ICN representative in Paris. I encourage Steering Group members to consider this opportunity which worked very well in the past and might also offer an attractive chance for capacity building. If Steering Group members are not able to send a suitable person, we would follow the usual ICN virtual approach which would also require volunteers willing to invest resources.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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