

**ICN Steering Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Teleconference from 8:00 – 9:30 am (Ottawa)**

Attendees

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Barbados Fair Trading Commission
- Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
- Competition Bureau Canada
- European Commission DG Competition
- French Autorité de la concurrence
- German Bundeskartellamt
- Japan Fair Trade Commission
- Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
- Korea Fair Trade Commission
- Mexico Federal Competition Commission
- Moroccan Conseil de la Concurrence
- Netherlands Competition Authority
- Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection
- Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
- Turkish Competition Authority
- South African Competition Commission
- United Kingdom Office of Fair Trading
- United States Department of Justice
- United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group approved the proposed agenda for the current meeting and the minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting.

Item 2. 2011 Special Project

The Steering Group approved the 2011 Special Project Report on Competition Enforcement and Consumer Welfare.

Item 3. Recommended Practices

The Chair led a discussion on ICN's work in the area of Recommended Practices. Steering Group members agreed that the Recommended Practices are among the best ICN work product and that it is important to continue to focus on new Recommended Practices. Steering Group members commented that the ICN also needs to review the older Recommended Practices to make sure they reflect current best practice, and then continue to focus on education, dissemination, and implementation. Members agreed that the Steering Group has a role to play in working with Working Groups to identify possible areas for new Practices, and a few

members specifically suggested that there may be areas of unilateral conduct in particular that could be explored.

Item 4. International Cooperation Project

USDOJ provided an update on the joint ICN/OECD international cooperation survey, noting that Alessandra Tonazzi will be seconded to OECD to work on this project. USDOJ will provide a preliminary report on survey responses for at the October meeting.

Item 5. Workshops

The Advocacy Working Group, Cartel Working Group, and Merger Working Group provided brief updates on the upcoming Fall workshops. The advocacy workshop will be held October 26 - 27 in Paris at La Maison de L'Amérique Latine. AWG has 125 participants registered. Topics include assessment of legislation, daily practice of advocacy with all stakeholders, ABCs of advocacy, and the role of NGAs.

The cartel workshop will be held October 2-4 in Panama City. CWG reported that they have approximately 100 attendees registered. Topics include best practices and a hypothetical on cartel investigations.

The merger workshop will be held November 8 -9 in Bogota. The topic is economic analysis in merger review.

The Secretariat reported that funding will be available for participants for each workshop. Members from Botswana, Colombia, Zambia, Vietnam, and Tanzania will receive funding to attend the cartel workshop.

The chair stressed the need for the ICN to continue to think of new ways to provide funding, and will share some ideas about funding he has received from members. He encouraged Steering Group members to continue the conversation via email.

Item 6. Work Product Catalogue

The Steering Group approved the revised work product catalogue that includes the material produced for the last annual conference.

Item 7. Operational Framework

The Operational Framework Working Group chairs discussed upcoming work for this year, including considering criteria and/or processes for (i) the selection of the Steering Group chair and (ii) hosting ICN events. The first OFWG conference call is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012. The co-chairs plan to seek Steering Group approval on the OFWG's recommendations by the winter 2013.

Item 8. 2013 Annual Conference

The 2013 annual conference will be held April 23-27 at the Sheridan Warsaw Hotel. The Polish UOKIK provided details on the social events, program organization, and feedback they have received on conference format. They also announced that they will have a panel with eastern European countries (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, etc.) to discuss the unique challenges in these countries.

One Steering Group member noted that the conference may provide an opportunity to discuss the theme of influencing the visibility of competition policy and principles, engaging younger and older agencies, to help direct the future work of the Steering Group.

Item 9. 2014 Annual Conference

The Moroccan Conseil de la Concurrence announced that the 2014 annual conference will be April 22-24 at the Palais de Congres in Marrakech.

Item 10. Other Business

The Chair reported that workload and initiatives around the visibility of competition policy will be discussed at the October meeting.

The membership chair presented and the Steering Group approved applications from the Uruguayan Comision de Promocion y Defensa de la Competencia, the Guernsey Competition Regulatory Authority, the Competition and Fair Trading Commission of Malawi, and the Philippines Department of Justice. The ICN now has 127 members from 111 jurisdictions.