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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 24 January, 2018

Dear colleagues,

I wish you and your families all the best for 2018 and look forward to continuing the work with all of you in the ICN. The preparation of the 2018 ICN Annual Conference is on track. In our meeting on 24 January, we will have a look at possible plenary speakers. It is of course up to the working groups to organize their sessions and select speakers, but it is the SG's role to review the line-up from a more general perspective. After the 2017 Annual Conference in Porto, the SG highlighted in a lessons learned document that speaker diversity in terms of geography, gender, group diversity (i.e. agencies, private practice, academics) is crucial and that the same is true for speaking experience and language skills. It was also pointed out that working groups should choose moderators with the experience and willingness to play a key role in the organization of the session. The working groups have compiled an overview which was discussed this past Wednesday in an ACPC/working groups co-chairs call. The working groups are now reviewing the chart and an updated version will be circulated before the SG meeting to form the basis of our discussion.

The Competition Commission of India will provide an update on the planning and will inter alia raise the question whether sessions should be live streamed on the conference website. The technical infrastructure is there, the question is whether we want live streaming or not. To me this could be a gesture of inclusiveness that ICN is more than those in the room. The question is which sessions are of concern to be live streamed. There does not seem to be a big issue with e.g. the opening and closing sessions. Whether other sessions should be included needs careful consideration. I am looking forward to hear your views on this initiative.

The Vice Chair for Communication will present two papers, one dealing with the press policy and a second dealing with tweeting guidelines. We briefly touched upon the press policy in our last SG meeting and we will try to come to a conclusion in the next meeting based on the well balanced

paper which provides us with the advantages and disadvantages of the existing policy and as a proposal suggests sharpening the present practice.

COFECE will provide a debrief on the successful 2017 ICN MWG workshop in Mexico City on 10-12 December – COFECE streamed the presentations on the workshop's Facebook page. Finally, the Membership Working Group will present the applications of the Bangladesh Competition Commission and the United Arab Emirates Competition Regulation Committee.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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