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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 23 January 2019

Dear colleagues,

I wish you all the best for 2019. We will start into the new year next Wednesday with our first Steering Group meeting and we will have an important decision to make.

In Paris in November, we discussed a possible ICN Steering Group initiative in the area of investigative process. Building on this discussion and the broad support for this initiative articulated by many agencies, we have developed and refined the ICN Framework on Competition Agency Procedures. The well-advanced draft you have received with the Steering Group documents reflects many helpful comments and suggestions provided by agencies from different continents. We have intensely worked on the wording in group-calls and several bilateral discussions and tried to balance different systems, views and approaches. I think we are on a very good track. Now it is time for the Steering Group members to decide how to move forward with this initiative.

We will continue our meeting with the selection of the 2020 conference host and the 2019 conference planning including the working group co-chairs' presentation of breakout session topics before turning to the Advocacy workshop that will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 28 February and 1 March 2019.

Finally, our ICN/OECD liaison will provide updates.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt