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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 26 September 2018

Dear colleagues,

I hope everyone had a pleasant and refreshing break. Welcome back to a promising ICN year.

We will start our meeting on 26 September 2018 with an update on the planning of the 2019 Annual Conference in Colombia. We will then turn to the work plan of the Agency Effectiveness Working Group, which has decided to continue the investigative process project to develop the 2018 ICN Guidance on Investigative Process into ICN Recommended Practices. The working group has adjusted the work plan accordingly, and it will seek the Steering Group's approval of the final version. All work plans will be available on the new ICN website soon. The website team will provide an update and it seems that we are nearly there. The whole team is doing a great job and we are all looking forward to the launch of the new website.

The co-chairs will present the workshops planned for this year, which will be hosted by agencies in countries as diverse as Israel, South Africa, Japan and Ukraine, and with the next annual conference taking place in Colombia, we can truly see ICN's global reach.

Finally, we will turn to cooperation outside ICN. The ICN/UNCTAD Liaison will provide a debrief on the meeting of the UNCTAD discussion group on international cooperation at the 17th Session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland from 11-13 July 2017, and I will inform you about recent initiatives in the area of investigative process.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt