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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 27 February 2019

Dear colleagues,

We have important topics to discuss in our meeting on 27 February.

The first topic is the ICN Framework on Competition Agency Procedures. The level of cooperation, teamwork and commitment to make this Steering Group initiative a success is impressive. Thanks to the helpful comments and suggestions received after the last Steering Group meeting and many bilateral discussions, we have further polished the text and developed a template and a registration form. I will provide you with more details in our meeting where we can discuss the next steps.

The host of the 2019 ICN Annual Conference, Colombia's Superintendence of Industry and Commerce, together with the Annual Conference Planning Committee and the Working Group Co-Chairs are developing a very promising agenda and will present plenary speakers and breakout session moderators. It will be our part to carefully look at the full picture in order to ensure speaker diversity.

Alejandra Palacios, President of COFECE and ICN Vice-Chair for Young Agencies and Regional Diversity, will present the updated report "Lessons to Be Learnt from the Experience of Young Competition Agencies". I think this is a very important document and I am thankful that our Vice Chair invested resources and updated the 2006 document. The ICN Secretariat will circulate the report together with the SG documents.

Finally, we will turn to UNCTAD and OECD and hear updates from our Liaisons.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt