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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 5 June 2019

Dear colleagues,

This is our first meeting after the successful ICN Annual Conference in Cartagena. I look forward to working with all of you in this new ICN year.

We will start with a brief update on CAP including the latest numbers on participating agencies. Following the Steering Group meeting, the CAP participants will meet in the same room for an administrative meeting. Agencies that are not able to participate in person will have the opportunity to dial in.

We will then turn to the ICN Annual Conferences 2019, 2020 and 2021. I suggest that we continue our initial discussion on conference organization as the memory is still fresh. In Cartagena, we touched on several aspects, e.g. a stronger link between plenary session topics and BOS, the use of technical tools to facilitate interactivity, new formats to create additional speaking possibilities including keynote speeches or interview formats, invitation for representatives of digital companies to speak at the conferences, stronger involvement of the judiciary and a set-up of BOS rooms that facilitates interactive discussions. We also heard first thoughts on how to improve NGA engagement and outreach. Our face to face meeting in Paris will provide a good opportunity to continue our discussion. The US DOJ and the US FTC will provide an update on the ICN Annual Conference 2020 before we review the very promising expression of interest of the Hungarian GVH for 2021.

The Advocacy Working Group has finalized the Report on ICN Members' Recent Experiences in Conducting Competition Advocacy in Digital Markets, and the Co-Chairs will ask for Steering Group approval.

The Vice Chair for Communication will present the Report on Participation by ICN Members at ICN Annual Conferences and ICN Workshops from 2015 to the present. The objective of the report is to support the ICN Steering Group and Working Groups in increasing the ICN's engagement with jurisdictions that are less represented and to enable these jurisdictions to benefit more from ICN events.

I already mentioned in Cartagena that the OECD will continue its work on cooperation and that the OECD CC approached the ICN to discuss a possible cooperation between OECD and ICN. The OECD Bureau will meet on 4 June. The ICN/OECD Liaison will provide an update in the Steering Group meeting and we will discuss how to proceed.

I look forward to seeing you in Paris.

With best regards,

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