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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 7 May 2019

Dear colleagues,

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cartagena on 14 May at the welcome reception of the 2019 ICN Annual Conference in Colombia. Next Tuesday, we will have our last meeting before conference. We will start with a brief update on the ICN CAP. Registration opened on 1 May and the Secretariat has already received several registration forms. For Cartagena, we are aiming at a plenary session with speakers from different regions of the world presenting the CAP to the ICN membership.

We will focus on the work products that will be presented to the ICN membership at the conference and that will be presented by the working group Co-Chairs for SG approval. Many thanks again to the working groups for the impressive output.

Another recurring task will be the Co-Chair rotation and we will see changes in the Cartel Working Group, the Merger Working Group and the Unilateral Conduct Working Group. FAS, CNMC and DG COMP expressed interest to serve as Co-Chairs in these groups.

According to the ICN Operational Framework, the SG is confirmed in odd-numbered years at the ICN Annual Conference by consensus of ICN members, and the SG members elect the Chair. With regard to SG membership, I have received expressions of interest from the Portuguese AdC and the Spanish CNMC. The Dutch ACM has informed me that at this stage of time they will focus on the work in the working groups.

The Colombian SIC will provide an update on conference planning, and we already look ahead at future events such as the workshops organized by the Cartel Working Group in Brazil and the Merger Working Group in Australia. Finally, the ICN Secretariat will present the ICN Special Purpose Account.

I am looking forward to talking to you next week.

With best regards,

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