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**Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 19 October, 2016**

Dear colleagues,

In our next Steering Group meeting on 19 October, we will hear more from the ICN Change Committee's Topic Teams. In my opinion, our current approach of sharing ideas developed in the Topic Teams at an early stage in the general Change Committee and of keeping the Steering Group in the loop even before a proposal is ready for decision works very well. For our next Steering Group meeting we have the website, the newsletter, implementation and new work topics on the agenda.

The colleagues that joined the ICN Chief/Senior Economists Workshop in Vancouver and the Cartel Workshop in Madrid reported enthusiastically. Obviously, the workshops were quite successful both in terms of content as well as in terms of experience sharing and networking. The Canadian Competition Bureau and Subgroup 2 of the Cartel Working Group will give us some details and provide feedback.

The Portuguese Competition Authority will provide an update on the preparation of the 2017 Annual Conference. The first ACPC took place on 10 October.

Finally, as briefly discussed in the last Steering Group meeting, the Operational Framework Working Group is dealing with the funding of ICN events. I have asked the working group to share with us some of the conclusions from their stocktaking on attendance and budget allocation to prepare us for an in-depth discussion in Paris on 30 November.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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