



**ICN Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 2:00 pm (Berlin)**

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Competition Commission of India
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
Portuguese Competition Authority
Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
Competition Commission of Singapore
Competition Commission of South Africa
Spanish National Authority for Markets and Competition
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Chair, Andreas Mundt, welcomed the Steering Group (SG) members.

The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on 29 March 2017.

Item 2: Work products

The Chair thanked the working groups and for the excellent work products. The working group co-chairs presented the working groups' work products:

The Advocacy Working Group co-chairs presented a booklet on guiding principles for market studies; a document on the planning of advocacy strategies and the "Benefits Project" module "Explaining the Benefits of Competition to the General Public".

The Agency Effectiveness Working Group co-chairs presented a report on training tools and exercises that agencies use to train their staff; a report on the use of social media and ICN Training on Demand (ITOD) modules on international cooperation, international organizations, procedural fairness and competition assessment.

The Cartel Working Group presented a checklist that identifies the legal and enforcement prerequisites for an effective and efficient leniency programme; an update of the 2008 ICN report on the setting of fines for cartels in ICN jurisdictions; and an updated of the compilation of good practices from the anti-cartel enforcement manual.

The Merger Working Group presented a report on a member self-assessment regarding the ICN's Recommended Practices for Merger Notification and Review Procedures; updates of the Recommended Practices on notification thresholds and nexus and the Recommended Practices on merger remedies; new Recommended Practices on types of transactions subject to merger review and on efficiencies analysis.

The Unilateral Conduct Working Group presented a new Unilateral Conduct Workbook chapter, which deals with the analytical framework for evaluating unilateral conduct and a paper on vertical restraints – options for future work issues.

The SG approved the work products.

Item 3: Website

The website team provided an update. A prototype of the new homepage, the document listings page and the details of each document of the revised website being showcased at the ICN Annual Conference. The ICN website will be discussed at the Co-Chairs meeting in Porto and at a side session on ICN Online Resources that will take place on the first conference day.

Item 4: SG membership

The Chair reminded the SG members that according to the ICN Operational Framework, the outgoing Steering Group recommends the composition of the incoming Steering Group to the ICN membership and the ICN members confirm the incoming Steering Group.

Nearly all current SG members expressed interested in serving as a SG member also for the next term. Barbados decided to step down.

The SG decided to recommend to the ICN membership in Porto that that Singapore becomes an elected SG member. As the host of the 2019 ICN Annual Conference, the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce of Colombia will become ex officio member.

Item 5: ICN Annual Conference

The Portuguese Competition Authority provided an update on the 2017 Annual Conference.

Item 6: Other Business

The Unilateral Conduct Working Group Co-Chairs informed the Steering group that the competition authorities of South Africa and Italy offered to host the next Unilateral Conduct Workshop.

Item 6: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on May 12, 2017, in Porto.