

**ICN Steering Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, 5 June 2019**

**8:15 a.m.**

**OECD, Château Room D**

**Attendees**

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense

Competition Bureau Canada

Colombian Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio

European Commission DG Competition

French Autorité de la concurrence

German Bundeskartellamt

Japan Fair Trade Commission

Competition Commission of India

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

Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation

Competition Commission of Singapore

Competition Commission of South Africa

Spanish National Authority for Markets and Competition

Turkish Competition Authority

United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority

United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division

United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Matthew Boswell, Commissioner of Competition, Competition Bureau Canada, chaired the Steering Group (SG) meeting and welcomed the SG members. The SG approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the SG meeting on May 17, 2019.

Item 2: ICN CAP

Mr. Boswell provided a brief update on the ICN Framework on Competition Agency Procedures (ICN CAP) and informed SG members that approximately 70 participants registered. A first administrative meeting of the ICN CAP participants will take place immediately after the SG meeting. In this meeting, the CAP participants will discuss future activities and discuss the selection of the initial ICN CAP Co-chairs, and if consensus is reached for the latter, the ICN CAP participants will confirm the ICN CAP Co-chairs. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the German Bundeskartellamt and the US DOJ, Antitrust Division expressed their willingness to serve as ICN CAP Co-chairs.

Item 3: ICN Annual Conference

*2019 ICN Annual Conference*

Mr. Boswell reminded the SG members that the SG discussed the ICN annual conference organization in Cartagena and already touched on several aspects, for example,

* A stronger link between plenary session topics and breakout sessions (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,
* Set-up of BOS rooms that facilitates interactive discussions, and
* Improved NGA engagement and outreach.

The SG members continued the discussion.

*2020 ICN Annual Conference*

The US DOJ, Antitrust Division and the US FTC provided an update on the 2020 ICN Annual Conference. They informed the SG members that the conference will take place in in Los Angeles at the UCLA Luskin Center, which will give opportunities to expand the agenda through use of additional breakout rooms.

*2021 ICN Annual Conference*

The SG members reviewed the expression of interest of the Hungarian GVH to host the 2021 ICN Annual Conference. They noted that this competition authority is a very active ICN member, particularly in the Cartel Working Group, and participated in all ICN Annual Conferences. The SG members approved the Hungarian GVH as host of the 2021 ICN Annual Conference.

Item 4: Advocacy Working Group

The Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS) in its Capacity as Advocacy Working Group Co-Chair presented a Report on ICN Members’ Recent Experiences in Conducting Competition Advocacy in Digital Markets. Mr. Boswell and the SG members thanked the Advocacy Working Group. The SG members approved the report which will be published on the ICN website.

Item 5: ICN Vice Chair for Communication

CCCS in its capacity as Vice Chair for Communication presented a Report on Participation by ICN Members at ICN Annual Conferences and ICN Workshops. The objective of the report is to increase the ICN’s engagement with jurisdictions that are less represented. The SG members asked CCCS to continue this important and helpful project and to include future events.

Item 6: ICN-OECD Liaison

The ICN-OECD Liaison reminded SG members that the OECD will continue its work on cooperation and that the OECD approached the ICN to discuss a possible cooperation between OECD and ICN based on the successful International Co-Operation Project conducted by the ICN and the OECD in 2012. The SG members agreed that the ICN is open to such a cooperation. The ICN-OECD Liaison will be in contact with the OECD to discuss possible ways of cooperation and report back to the SG.

Item 7. Other Business

No other business was reported.

Item 8: Future SG Meetings

The next SG meeting will be held on July 3, 2019.