

Note from the Chair for the April 8, 2015 Steering Group Meeting

Dear colleagues,

The preparations for the Annual Conference in Sydney are coming to a close, and the main focus of our meeting is to review and consider for adoption the 2015 work product. Other agenda items include an update on the conference planning itself as well as an application for Membership by the Committee for the Protection of Competition and Prohibition of Monopolistic Practice of Qatar.

2015 Annual Conference

The ACCC will provide an update on the special project and the conference planning for the 2015 Annual Conference.

Approval of work products

The Chair will ask members to approve work products.

On the call, each Working Group (WG), who has submitted their work product(s), will have the opportunity to briefly present their respective work product(s) for Steering Group approval. In doing so, I invite the co-chairs to describe the process for creating the work product(s), including the scope of member and NGA involvement, how the work product fits with the group's long term goals, and plans to promote the work product, if applicable.

Some of the work product(s) have already been finalized and Steering Group members are asked for their approval. For other work products approval will be sought at the next Steering Group meeting on April 15. At that meeting Steering Group members will re-elect the Chair for another two-year term and the approval of the Cartel Working Group work product. Steering Group members may also be asked to approve the results of this year's Special Project . The expected work product(s) for Sydney includes:

Advocacy WG

- Competition Culture Project
- Framework of Competition Assessment Regimes

Agency Effectiveness WG

- Guidance on Investigative Process
- ICN Training on Demand work products

Cartel WG

Forthcoming

Merger WG

- Practical Guide to International Enforcement Cooperation in Mergers

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- Interim Report on Project on Remedies in Merger Review

Unilateral Conduct WG

- Workbook Chapter on Tying and Bundling

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- Activity Report on ICN Advocacy and Implementation Network 2014-2015

Special Project

- Forthcoming

Membership WG

The Membership WG Co-chairs received an application for ICN membership from the Committee for the Protection of Competition and Prohibition of Monopolistic Practice of Qatar. The Co-chairs will seek SG approval.

Other business

The Chair will lead a discussion concerning the continuance of discontinuance of the conference reports.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt