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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 3 April 2019

Dear colleagues,

Our network of agencies is virtual, flexible, inclusive, strong, and it is truly global. I believe it is very positive that agencies from around the world consider the ICN the right place to aim at fundamental principles of fair and effective investigative process. In our next SG meeting, I will provide an update on the ICN Framework on Competition Agency Procedures. Since the last SG meeting on 27 February, we have not received any substantive comments. Based on discussions with SG members, we have reformatted the template without changing the text. What remains for us to do is to give the go-ahead and approve the rollout and public announcement.

We will then turn to the announcement of the host agencies of the 2020 Annual Conference, before discussing the selection of the speakers in the plenary and breakout sessions for the 2019 Annual Conference in Colombia. We will also have a look at the Annual Conference's press policy. If you have any thoughts on this you would like to share, please turn to the Secretariat or my staff before the SG meeting allowing a well prepared discussion.

Alejandra Palacios, President of COFECE and ICN Vice-Chair for Young Agencies and Regional Diversity, will present the updated report "Lessons to Be Learnt from the Experience of Young Competition Agencies". The report is circulated with the other SG documents.

The ICN Training on Demand's team will present a new promising initiative, that is, a certificate program.

Finally, the ICN Secretariat will provide a financial overview of the ICN Special Purpose Account.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards

Andreas Mundt