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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 16 March, 2016

Dear colleagues,

In our next SG meeting we will focus on the ICN work plans for 2016-17. Many thanks to the Horizontal Coordinator for preparing the Interim Report. It provides a very helpful overview and an excellent basis for a very important discussion. We all agree that the ICN should set the right priorities and choose the projects that matter most for its membership and have a real impact on our work. We have to take care to address different needs resulting from the diversity of our members. At the same time, we have to bear in mind that – as pointed out in the second decade follow-up survey – many members have to cope with a lack of resources. This means that we have to focus our attention on work products and work streams that are likely to have the greatest impact to ensure a broad input from our diverse membership and to maintain the high quality of our work products.

A further topic for our meeting is the Second Decade Follow-up Survey to NGAs. I will present a draft report and would like to invite your feedback. We have received 62 replies and very thoughtful suggestions and comments. Both draft reports from members and NGAs will feed into a document that will be presented in Singapore and serve as a basis for the discussion at the ICN Annual Conference.

Finally, the Competition Commission of Singapore will provide an update on the 2016 Annual Conference. In its last conference call, the Annual Conference Planning Committee (ACPC) discussed media access to the Annual Conference. The SG dealt with this issue in December 2014 and January 2015. The ACPC seeks confirmation from SG members whether the same approach should be pursued in Singapore.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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