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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 11 July 2018

Dear colleagues,

The ICN had a very good start into the year 2018/19 with a well-attended welcome call, working group calls and the successful ICN-OECD/KPC Competition Economics Workshop in Seoul, Korea. As traditionally there is no SG meeting in August, after the meeting on 11 July 2018 we will meet again on 26 September and 31 October 2018. The last meeting in 2018 will take place in Paris on 28 November and will focus on the agenda of the 2019 ICN Annual Conference in Cartagena, Colombia. We will then build on the guiding principles for annual conference planning which will be a topic in the meeting next Wednesday. The co-chairs continued working on the guiding principles and we will discuss the draft aiming at finalizing and approving the document, which will be integrated into the more detailed guide for conference hosts.

Some SG members will dial in from Geneva where the 17th meeting of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Competition Law and Policy will take place. Very fittingly the ICN/UNCTAD liaison will provide a debrief on the 4th conference call of the UNCTAD Discussion Group on International Cooperation and will present the ICN contribution circulated to the SG on 23 June 2018.

The Promotion & Implementation team is in the process of polishing ideas for projects and will keep us in the loop with a brief update.

The Membership WG together with the Autorité de la concurrence will present the application for membership of the Autorité de la concurrence de la Nouvelle-Calédonie. Last year the SG dealt with the application for membership of the Autorité polynésienne de la concurrence and there are similarities between these applications.

Finally, the website team will provide an update.

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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