

ICN Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 2:00 pm (Bonn)

Attendees

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense
Competition Bureau Canada
European Commission DG Competition
French Autorité de la concurrence
German Bundeskartellamt
Japan Fair Trade Commission
Italian Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
Korean Fair Trade Commission
Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission
Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets
Turkish Competition Authority
United Kingdom Competition and Markets Authority
United States Department of Justice
United States Federal Trade Commission

Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The Steering Group (SG) approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the January 14 meeting, subject to any comments submitted to the Secretariat by April 10, 2015.

Item 2: Annual Conference

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) provided an update on the 2015 Annual Conference. All preparations are going well and the ACCC is looking forward to welcome participants in Sydney. The ACCC noted that 443 participants from over 70 jurisdictions have registered.

Item 3: Approval of Work Products

The SG approved the following work products for presentation at the 14th annual ICN conference in Sydney. A second set of work products will be submitted for approval at the meeting on April 15.

Advocacy WG

- Competition Culture Project
- Framework of Competition Assessment Regimes

Agency Effectiveness WG

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

Merger WG

- Practical Guide to International Enforcement Cooperation in Mergers
- 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.

SG members approved all of the work products.

Item 4: Membership WG

The SG approved the application of the Committee for the Protection of Competition and Prohibition of Monopolistic Practice of Qatar to join the ICN, as it met the criteria to become an ICN member.

Item 5: Other Business

The Chair and the Secretariat led a discussion concerning the continuance or discontinuance of the conference reports. During the April 2nd Annual Conference Planning Committee conference call, Working Group Chairs suggested to discontinue the reports and replace them with a synopsis of the plenary and breakout sessions on the Annual Conference's website. In addition, all relevant documents from the Conference, such as agendas, presentations and documents will be posted on the ICN's website. Given that there were no comments with this new initiative, SG members agreed in principle to use this format

in the future.

Item 6: Future Meetings of the Steering Group

The next SG meeting will be held on April 15, 2015.