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### **Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 4 December 2019**

Dear colleagues,

I am looking forward to our face-to-face meeting in Paris which is always a very good opportunity to make decisions and move things forward.

We will start with a brief update on the ICN CAP. As you know, participants agreed to submit their Templates within six months from joining the CAP which means that the CAP Co-chairs are currently receiving many Templates from agencies that had joined the CAP by the time of the ICN Annual Conference in Cartagena in May 2019. The Co-chairs are now working on publishing the Templates on the ICN website.

We will then hear a report on the successful Unilateral Conduct Workshop hosted by the Mexican Federal Economic Competition Commission before turning to the ICN Annual Conference which will take place in Los Angeles from 12 to 14 May 2020. The Working Group Co-chairs have developed a very promising agenda with a focus on digital topics that very well reflects the challenges ICN members are facing today, and their questions and needs. The ACPC has incorporated many issues which we have discussed in the Steering Group, inter alia a stronger link between plenary session topics and BOS, new formats to create additional speaking possibilities including counterprogramming during some of the plenary sessions, and a variety of BOS room set-ups that will facilitate interactive discussions. We will also hear an update on funding of social events by the American Bar Association and other bar associations. Finally, the host agencies will reveal the secret of the Special Project, or as it is called now Host Showcase Program.

The potential Steering Group project on issues at the intersection of competition, consumer protection and data privacy will form the second focus of our meeting. We have discussed the project before, and after our October meeting the drafting work on the scoping note continued in order to provide a basis for a Steering Group decision. However, please note that the draft scoping note does not reflect the views of all Steering Group members yet. Many Steering Group members expressed support for the project while showing flexibility for its scope and implementation, but there are still reservations we need to address in our meeting.

The growth of ICN continues and the Membership Working Group will present the application for ICN membership of the Angolan Competition Authority for Steering Group approval and inform us about other running applications.

Finally, the ICN/OECD Liaison will provide an update on the joint work on international cooperation.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

With best regards,

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