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ICN Roundtable on Enforcement Cooperation in Washington, DC, March 29, 2011

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Dear ICN Member:

We are delighted to invite you to the ICN Roundtable on Enforcement Cooperation, to be held on March 29, 2011, in Washington, DC. The roundtable, co-hosted by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice, will address enforcement cooperation in cartel, merger and unilateral conduct matters, and seek to identify cooperation-related issues for further ICN attention.

Cooperation between competition authorities has never been more important to effective and efficient enforcement, and this ICN program will be the first to address cooperation across enforcement areas. This roundtable will provide all participants with an interactive forum in which to discuss the practical aspects of cooperation, both in small, agency-only groups and with non-governmental advisors. Participants will focus on cooperation tools and the types of cases in which they are used, confidentiality and privilege considerations, effective approaches and impediments to cooperation, and more. A complete agenda for the roundtable is attached and can be found on the roundtable's webpage at <http://www.internationalcompetitionnetwork.org/news-and-events/coopr.aspx>.

The roundtable is intended for agency staff responsible for or active in enforcement cooperation, and selected non-governmental advisors. It is conveniently timed to precede the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law's Spring Meeting, which will take place on March 30-April 1.

Participants may register for the workshop and find hotel and other local information on the webpage. To help frame the discussion, the roundtable planning group will circulate, under separate cover and make available on the webpage, a short questionnaire for completion by participants and any other member agencies that can do so.

If you or your colleagues have any further questions, please contact Anne Purcell White (anne.purcell@usdoj.gov; +1 (202) 514-5803) or Elizabeth Kraus (ekraus@ftc.gov; +1 (202) 326-2649).

We look forward to seeing you in Washington!

Kind regards,

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