

ICN Steering Group meeting, 19 October 2011

Note from the Chair

12 October 2011

Dear colleagues

There are six items on the agenda for our meeting next week:

- (i) Approval of agenda & previous minutes;
- (ii) Steering Group substantive topics;
- (iii) Working Group progress reports;
- (iv) Operational Framework;
- (v) 2012 ICN Annual Conference; and
- (vi) 2013 ICN Annual Conference.

Should Steering Group members wish to raise any additional items for discussion, please inform the ICN Secretariat (Secretariat.ICN@bc-cb.gc.ca) by **Friday 14 October**.

Steering Group Substantive topics

The leaders of our project on “working with courts and judges” have circulated, through the Secretariat, a proposed work plan for discussion during our meeting. As with the discussion of the “enforcement cooperation” and “investigative process” work plans in September, the objective of our meeting next week is to set out a timetable for future substantive discussions on this topic and to discuss the proposed scope of work.

The leaders of our project on enforcement cooperation will introduce the first substantive discussion on this topic. The discussion will be based on the set of questions proposed at our meeting in September.

For reference, the chart below provides an update on the timing of future discussions contemplated by the project plans. As a reminder, the eventual outputs from these projects should be high-level 'issues papers' to be disseminated to the ICN membership ahead of the 2012 Annual Conference, including recommendations for further ICN work in each area.

Substantive	Project Leaders	Timing of Discussions
1) Enforcement Cooperation	Turkish Competition Authority US DOJ	Oct – First discussion Jan – Second discussion Feb/Mar – Draft #1
2) Working with courts/judges	UOKiK Poland Chilean Competition Tribunal	Oct – Work plan Nov – First discussion Dec/Jan – Draft #1 Feb/Mar – Draft #2
3) Investigative process	EC DGComp US FTC	Nov – First discussion Dec/Jan – Draft #1 Feb – Draft #2

Working Group progress reports

Working Group co-chairs have circulated written progress reports through the Secretariat. To make efficient use of our time together I would like to use our meeting next week as an opportunity for informal Q&A/discussion rather than formal presentations from working group co-chairs. I will invite each member to raise a question or comment on any one Working Group area to ensure an active discussion.

Operational Framework

The co-chairs of the Operational Framework Working Group will ask steering group members to approve amendments to the Operational Framework. The amendments are based on feedback received from ICN members during the final stages of approval of the previous round of amendments this March. Please refer to the separate note circulated by the Secretariat in advance of our meeting.

2012 ICN Annual Conference

The hosts of the 2012 ICN Annual Conference in Rio will provide an update on conference planning.

2013 ICN Annual Conference

The Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection will announce tentative dates for the 2013 ICN Annual Conference in Poland.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Best regards

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