

ICN Steering Group meeting, 27 March 2012

Note from the Chair

22 March 2012

Dear colleagues

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

- (i) Approval of Working Group work plans
- (ii) Approval of Working Group co-chairs
- (iii) Approval of Enforcement Cooperation issues paper
- (iv) Approval of Merger Cooperation Framework proposal
- (v) Curriculum Project
- (vi) 2012 Annual Conference update

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 23 March.

Approval of Working Group work plans

Next week I will be asking members to approve the 2012-2013 Working Group work plans.

The Horizontal Coordinator reviewed draft versions of the work plans to check for:

- potential duplication or conflicts between plans;
- gaps in individual plans;
- balance of work across the Working Groups; and
- consistency with the ICN's goals and objectives.

Following this review, the Horizontal Coordinator sent comments to each of the respective Working Groups. The Working Groups have since considered those comments and have now submitted final work plans for our approval.

I will begin by asking the Horizontal Coordinator to report to SG members on their review of the work plans. I will then ask each of the Working Groups to briefly present their plans and then open the floor for any comments or questions. Finally I

will ask members to approve the work plans subject to Working Groups addressing any important points raised in the discussion.

Approval of Working Group co-chairs

Current Working Group co-chairs will recommend new co-chairs for the vacancies in their respective groups. Please refer to the summary table circulated by the Secretariat.

Approval of Enforcement Cooperation issues paper

Project leaders have circulated a final issues paper that includes proposals for future ICN work for Steering Group approval and eventual presentation at the 2012 Annual Conference.

Approval of Merger Cooperation Framework Proposal

The JFTC will ask members to approve its proposal to establish a “Framework for Merger Review Cooperation” within the Merger Working Group. The flexible and non-binding framework is intended to facilitate cooperation between member agencies reviewing the same merger. The framework has received the approval and support of the Merger Working Group.

Curriculum Project

The US FTC will update members on the status of the four curriculum modules that will be presented at the 2012 Annual Conference.

2012 Annual Conference update

CADE will provide a brief update on conference planning, including an update on social events and the number of registrations received to date.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

Best regards

John