



**ICN Steering Group Meeting  
March 13, 2012**

**From 8:15 to 9:30 am (Ottawa time)**

Attendees:

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Autorità Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato
- Autorité de la concurrence
- Barbados Fair Trading Commission
- Brazilian Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE)
- Brazilian Secretariat for Economic Monitoring
- Brazilian Secretariat of Economic Law of Ministry of Justice
- Bundeskartellamt
- Competition Bureau Canada
- European Commission DG Competition
- Japan Fair Trade Commission
- Korea Fair Trade Commission
- Mexico Federal Competition Commission
- Netherlands Competition Authority
- Polish Office of Competition and Consumer Protection
- Russian Federal Antimonopoly Service
- South African Competition Commission
- Turkish Competition Authority
- United Kingdom Office of Fair Trading
- United States Department of Justice
- United States Federal Trade Commission

**Draft Minutes**

**1. Approval of Draft Agenda and Previous Minutes**

The meeting agenda was approved.

SG members were asked to send any comments on the draft minutes of the February 15, 2012, SG meeting to the ICN Secretariat (ICN.Secretariat@cb-bc.gc.ca) by March 21, 2012.

## **2. 2012 Annual Conference**

Working group co-chairs briefly updated SG members on the status of the substantive agenda for the 2012 Annual Conference, including tentative topics/formats for plenary and break-out sessions. CADE (on behalf of BCPS) provided an update on the planning of their Special Project on “Criteria for Settlements”, and informed members of how many registrations had been received to date.

The Chair thanked Working Groups and CADE for their efforts and suggested that a single-page “Intro to the Annual Conference” be developed in order to highlight some of the horizontal themes woven throughout the conference agenda, such as “settlements” and the SG substantive projects.

## **3. 2014 Annual Conference**

The ICN Secretariat reminded SG members that a call for expressions of interest to host the 2014 Annual Conference was sent to ICN members on January 18 with a deadline of February 29. Four agencies expressed preliminary interest before the deadline. Several of these agencies have asked the Secretariat for further information on the requirements of hosting the Annual Conference before confirming their interest, and the Secretariat is following up with them.

If there is still more than one candidate after expressions of interest have been confirmed, the Secretariat will ask SG members to vote by e-mail, and will report back to SG on the April 4 call.

## **4. SG Chair**

The Chair led a private discussion on the topic of SG Chair.

## **5. Other business**

There was no other business.

## **6. Future Meetings of the Steering Group**

- Tuesday, March 27, 2012 (on the margins of Agency Heads workshop in Washington, DC. A room with a conference line will be provided.)
- Wednesday, April 4, 2012 (conference call)
- Wednesday, April 18, 2012 (special meeting on first day of conference, time/location TBD)
- Friday, April 20, 2012 (last day of conference, 13:00 Rio de Janeiro time, location TBD)