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### **Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 16 October 2019**

Dear colleagues,

The ICN year 2019/20 has started well with our first workshop, several group calls and webinars. In our Steering Group meeting on 16 October 2019, we will take a number of forward-looking decisions on ICN leadership, new projects and new members to keep ICN on track.

I would like to welcome Sia Aik Kor who has been appointed as the Chief Executive of the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore as a new Steering Group member. As the role of ICN Vice Chair is not linked to the agency but to the respective agency head, the ICN needs a new Vice Chair after the term of Toh Han Li ended on 30 September 2019. According to the ICN Operational Framework, the Chair of the Steering Group, after consultation with the Steering Group, nominates the ICN Vice Chairs. Therefore, we will start our meeting with the consultation of the Steering Group.

The second agenda item related to ICN leadership concerns the Agency Effectiveness Working Group, where the competition authority of Botswana will act as Co-chair together with the Swedish competition authority and the Canadian Competition Bureau.

We will then turn to a proposal presented by the ICN Vice Chair for Young Agencies and Regional Diversity which describes a project with the aim to increase ICN outreach and involvement of younger agencies. I very much welcome Alejandra Palacios' important work in her capacity as ICN Vice Chair because I personally believe that inclusiveness and the involvement of younger agencies should continue to be a focus of the ICN.

A second potential area of new work deals with how competition agencies view and address issues at the intersection of competition, consumer protection and data privacy. Our discussion will be informed by the initial ideas from our May meeting and a scoping note circulated in advance of the meeting. We will have the opportunity to discuss any questions, suggestions, concerns or reservations about whether and how the ICN could deal with this topic in a way that is focused on competition agency perspectives and relevant to all ICN members.

The Cartel Workshop took place in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from 7 to 10 October 2019, and we will hear a brief report from the Cartel Working Group Co-chairs. Furthermore, the Cartel Working Group Co-chairs will inform us about expressions of interest to host the 2020 Cartel Workshop.

The Membership Working Group will present the applications for ICN membership of the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Nigeria and the Competition Protection and Monopoly Prevention Centre of the Sultanate of Oman for Steering Group approval.

Finally, the ICN CAP Co-chairs will present their work plan for the ICN year 2019/2020 and briefly report back from the CAP breakout session at the 2019 ICN Cartel Workshop.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

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