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Rupert and the undersigned met with three German MPs of the CDU (all three part of the so-called "Young Group" of the CDU – Merkel's party: S. Bilger – Baden-Württemberg, K. Albsteiger - Bavaria, M. Wendt – Sachsen) to discuss TTIP, in particular the situation in DE. MPs also raised Taiwan. Friendly meeting which showed once again lack of information about TTIP on the part of national MPs (even those who are in principle favourable to TTIP).

Details:

- **General context:** RS explained current state of play after 9<sup>th</sup> round. Asked about possible timing, RS replied that this depends not only on EU, but 2015 seems very tight. MPs expressed preference for conclusion well before campaign for DE general elections in September 2017. As regards the possibility for "TTIP light", RS said this would not be in our interest also given different areas of economic interest among MS.
- **Situation in DE:** MPs referred to difficult situation in DE public opinion. Strong pushback in particular at local political level across the political spectrum. NSA is certainly one of the explanations. RS underlined need to step up information campaigns incl. at political level and at the level of companies. Recent initiatives by Chambers and BDI go into the right direction. Important to underline not just economic benefits but also geostrategic dimension. MPs were not aware of existing info material on DG Trade website, RS promised to send (*I will liaise with [Art. 4.1(b)] bilaterally*). MPs mentioned uncertainty of position in Second Chamber in DE given a number of coalitions at Länder level with Greens and Left. Greens in Baden-Württemberg (where the PM is from the Green Party and elections will be held in March 2016) seem to be less negative given the importance of the export sector in this region.
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