

**From:** [ Article 4.1 (b) ]

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Cabinet ([ Article 4.1 (b) ]) and [ Article 4.1 (b) ] had a short meeting with Airbus Industries ([Article 4.1 (b) ]) to address their concerns regarding the conflict minerals initiative. [ Article 4.1 (b) ] said they essentially source components and are only indirectly affected by the Commission proposal as it stands. However, they continue to be concerned with the public procurement incentive as mentioned in the Joint Communication given their Galileo and Copernicus activities in particular. [ Article 4.1 (b) ] sought to obtain additional details on the way this incentive will be implemented and in particular whether it will require a full and audited examination of their supply chain or whether the bidder would be able to rely on certification by its suppliers. COM answered that it is still very early in the day to look at the implementation details of the procurement incentive but confirmed that the instrument corresponds to a commitment by the Commission (not the MS at this point) and that it will be applied when the regulation is finalised and the necessary criteria for authorising officers to draft the relevant performance clauses are set. COM also confirmed that the due diligence required from downstream actors of the supply chain seeking to bid for Commission contracts would be in line with the OECD guidance.

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