

ESF Policy Committee, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**Resume:**

*As in past occasions, the main purpose of the ESF Policy Committee meeting was to go through the state of play of on-going trade in services negotiations and initiatives. The discussion underlined a keen interest of ESF members to exchange views on these matters:*

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- Regarding other currently ongoing negotiations, COM referred to the status of the negotiations with some Asian countries and the steps to follow.

**Details:**

- The Policy Committee meeting was chaired by Mr. Tilmann Kupfer from BT Group with broad participation from ESF committee members. [Art. 4.1(b)] (E1), [Art. 4.1(b)] and [Art. 4.1(b)] [Art. 4.1(b)] (both B1) participated from DG Trade.

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Other negotiations:

- Japan: COM informed about the results of the 8<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations held last week in Tokyo, which focused on postal services (universal service obligations), the Japanese insurance system and mode 4 commitments. It mentioned each party's offensive interests and the fact that the offers are presented using a negative listing approach. Finally, COM referred to the current political situation in Japan, where snap elections took place last Sunday.

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- BT commented on the importance of Asia for telecom companies.

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