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On **EU-Japan FTA**, BDI enquired if there will be a mechanism to make the link between the removal of NTBs and the level of tariff dismantling. MvH replied that such mechanism has been considered, but it is too early to say how it will look like. BDI also asked if negotiations with Japan shouldn't be as transparent as TTIP negotiations. MvH indicated that the Commission is making big efforts in being transparent on its trade initiatives and especially on TTIP. He invited industry to approach the responsible people in the Commission if they have specific questions on transparency. ACEA wondered how the Commission will ensure that Japan will comply with NTBs, in case the negotiations continue, given that the NTBs tackled until now are an illustrative list. He enquired in particular about K-cars taxation. MvH replied that the progress made by Japan is already very positive; if industry has additional concerns to add to the "illustrative list" they should send it to the negotiating team. Regarding taxation, this is a subject that is not typically discussed in the negotiations.