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Subject: EU-Japan meeting with Pascal Kerneis (ESF)

For your information, you will find below a summary of my meeting with Pascal Kerneis(ESF) on Japan of this morning.

Best regards,

Meeting with Pascal Kerneis (ESF) Friday 28 February 2014, 11h -11.30h

P. Kerneis asked me for a short meeting to touch base on the state of play of the FTA negotiations with Japan in view of his participation in the INTA Monitoring Group on EU-Japan in Strasbourg on 11th March.

I explained that we will have a next (fifth) round of negotiations in Tokyo in the week of 31 March and that the round will be followed by the one-year-review exercise agreed with MS. I also told him in broad lines what happened in the first four rounds of negotiations (first round main focus on Japanese text proposal, 2nd round focus on EU proposal, as of round 3 focus on text consolidation. Good progress made in certain areas, while for other (sensitive) areas actual text consolidation process could not start yet. No exchange of offers yet.

He told me that his members support this FTA very strongly and that the real value will come from strong regulatory provisions. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ESF fears that the negotiations could be stalled as a result of the one-year review process due to pressure from the car industry and certain MS. Together with other EU industry federations, his industry is planning to send a joint letter to the Commission in the coming weeks in support of the continuation of the negotiations.

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