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**Subject: EU-Japan Business Round Table (BRT) Progress report from the Commission to reply to the BRT's Recommendations**

The purpose of this note is to kindly request your services to examine the recommendations of last year addressed to the EU side and to provide us with your views on them. Once collected, they will form the "2015 Commission's progress report" which will be discussed at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the BRT on 20 April. The progress report will also be given to the Japanese authorities. On their side, the Japanese are currently doing the same exercise for the recommendations addressed to them.

Please also note that the 2015 recommendations have been transmitted to President Juncker and the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr S. Abe.

The BRT is composed of about 50 European and Japanese large companies operating in EU and Japan. The BRT issues every year a comprehensive set of recommendations, established jointly by the BRT's members. Their objective is to bring to the attention of the authorities on both sides, the expectations and difficulties of the EU-Japan business community with a view to alert them and to seek for possible short or long term remedies. In the context of the FTA negotiations this exercise is considered as relevant and certainly useful for the Commission and the Japanese authorities.

Your replies should be addressed to [REDACTED] GROW-A-4  
[REDACTED] **no later than 05 April 2016.**

I would like to stress the importance of this exercise which constitutes a useful tool for assessing the environment in which the European and Japanese business community operate, to reflect about possible improvements and/or new joint initiatives.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support.

(e-signed)

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Annexes :     - Recommendations (WP A, B, C, D, E)  
                  - Table with tentative attribution per DG/Unit

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