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**NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF  
COMMISSIONER ELŻBIETA BIEŃKOWSKA**

**Subject: Suggested Visit to Japan in April 2016**

Dear Commissioner,

During the recent visit of Deputy Director-General Delsaux, the Japanese authorities informed the EU delegation in Tokyo of their wish to welcome you next year in Tokyo to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the EU-Japan Business Round Table which will take place on 20 April 2016. This is a regular event which takes place every year and enjoys particular attention from the top level Japanese political and business circles.

Your visit would come at a point in time which is particularly important in our bilateral relations with Japan. We are at an advanced stage in our negotiations for ambitious and comprehensive Strategic Partnership and Free Trade Agreements, and your portfolio is of a high relevance in key areas of the negotiations, such as automotive standards, public procurement and regulatory cooperation.

The visit would provide a timely opportunity to pass key messages to your Japanese counterparts at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, as well as to Japanese business leaders.

Furthermore, with an appropriate sectoral focus to be identified by DG Growth, such as for instance on aeronautics or biotechnology industries, it could contribute to the further development of business relations between European and Japanese firms.

My Delegation, together with the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation in Tokyo, would certainly be ready to assist you and your team in the preparations of a fruitful visit.

Please allow me to kindly suggest to you to consider if this proposed visit will fit into your agenda for next year.

Yours sincerely,

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