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Subject: EU-Japan Business Round Table

Dear Commissioner,

The 16th EU-Japan Business Round Table meeting took place in Tokyo on 8 & 9 April and was co-chaired by Hiromasa Yonekura (Chairman & CEO, Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.) and myself.

During the meeting, the BRT adopted Recommendations to the EU and Japanese Authorities, prepared by its Working Parties on Trade Relations, Investment and Regulatory Cooperation; Life Sciences and Biotechnologies, Healthcare and Well-being; Innovation, Information & Communication Technologies; Financial Services, Accounting & Tax Issues and Energy, Environment & Sustainable Development. The BRT also identified Recommendations it had submitted last year and for which it considers the Japanese Government and the EU Authorities have made significant progress.

With a view to the forthcoming EU-Japan Summit, please find enclosed copies of the Recommendations. I have already sent sets of these documents to the President of the European Council and to the President of the European Commission.

Following the conclusion of this year's BRT meeting, Mr Yonekura and I delivered a set of the same documents to Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, on 9 April.

On behalf of all the BRT Members, Mr Yonekura and I request your support for the swift implementation of this year's Recommendations.

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 EU-Japan BRT co-Chair

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 List of Recommendations from 2013 which have seen significant progress

The BRT considers that significant progress has been made on the following recommendations submitted last year. The BRT would like to express its utmost gratitude to the Leaders and Authorities of the EU and Japan for the leadership and efforts they have shown in relation to these issues. The BRT Members expect to see similar positive developments on other issues.

WP-A #17 J to E	Customs Classification
WP-A #18.6 J to E	HFCs
WP-A #21 J to E	Unitary Patent
WP-B #01 EJ to EJ	Enhancement of bio-venture activities
WP-B #04 EJ to EJ	Infrastructure improvement and international harmonization of regulation standards for approval of non-invasive diagnostic medicines and devices
WP-B #10 EJ to J	Balance between prevention and treatment in healthcare
WP-B #11 EJ to J	Nation-wide electronic database for individual health/medical records in Japan
WP-B #13 EJ to J	Regulatory transparency and review time by PMDA
WP-B #14 EJ to J	Reinforcement of measures to ensure proper distribution of privately-imported medicines
WP-C / # 21 EJ to EJ	Civil Purpose Satellite Technology
WP-C # 25 EJ to EJ	Cooperation on Active Space Debris Removal
WP-C/ # 28 EJ to J	Relaxation of the Three Principles on Arms Exports
WP-C # 32 E to EJ	Level Playing Field in Civil Aeronautics Markets
WP-C # 35 E to J	Approval of Satellite Launch Service Providers
WP-C # 36 E to J	Legitimate use of Private Finance Initiative projects
WP-C # 42 E to J	Forum for Japanese and EU defence industries to meet and discuss

Note: The above numbers refer to those in the Recommendations issued in 2013.