

**ESF Policy Committee, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

**Resume:**

*As in past occasions, the main purpose of the ESF Policy Committee meeting was to go through the state of play of on-going trade in services negotiations. The discussion underlined a keen interest of ESF members to exchange views on the negotiations:*

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- On TISA [Out of scope] the discussion was shorter with some minor comments on certain business sectors. Some concerns were also raised about problems being faced in other jurisdictions (Ecuador).

**Details:**

- The Policy Committee meeting was chaired by Mr. Tilmann Kupfer from BT with broad participation from ESF committee members. [Art.4.1 b] and [Art.4.1 b] participated from DG Trade. The main purpose of the meeting was to go through the state of play of on-going trade in services negotiations.

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#### TiSA:

- COM briefed on the results of the 9<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations and commented that the group is not yet prepared to make general commitments. Comments were made regarding EU's proposal on government procurement, which would be an expansion of unrestricted national

treatment for establishments, with the aim of not being forced to choose specific type of legal entities only for these purposes. Among other things, it was mentioned that Mexico would present a revised offer on December, that Pakistan and Paraguay had not made offers yet and that the offers from Chile and Peru were deceiving compared to their FTAs.

- COM explained that the key targets to consider are the countries with which the EU does not currently have FTAs nor foresees to have them in the short term, like Turkey or Taiwan. For those purposes, it insisted in the importance of having the industries providing feedback about the problems they face in practice. [Redacted]

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