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Subject: RE: Meeting request with Commissioner Malmström from Sir Harris - Chairman of ESF
Importance: High

Dear Commissioner Malmström,

As you would know by now, the European Services Forum (ESF) is a private sector trade association that represent the interests of the European services industry in International Trade Negotiations in Services & Investments. It comprises major European service companies and European service sector federations covering service sectors such as financial services, tourism, telecommunications, maritime transport, business and professional services, distribution, postal and express delivery, IT service (see full list of members on the web-site: www.esf.be). It is estimated that ESF membership covers approximately 70% of Extra EU services exports and investments. ESF members employ more than 90 million workers, are present in more than 200 countries and provide services to hundreds of millions of consumers in Europe and around the world.

ESF is working closely with the European institutions to provide the views of the European services industries on the EU trade policy. We give a high priority in providing support to the European Commission negotiators in all on-going trade talks, [Out of scope] and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), [Out of scope]

We would like to have an opportunity to meet you as new EU Trade Commissioner and to present you the priorities of the European services industries. I would like hereby express a formal request for a meeting with ESF Chairman, Sir Thomas Harris, and few other ESF representatives, including myself.

We would like to ask whether it would be possible to have a meeting on **Tuesday, 31st March 2015**. Alternatively, allow me to suggest few other dates that would also be suitable to ESF Chairman, like **Monday, 20 April** and **Friday, 24 April 2015**.

If that will not be possible, we will come back to you for another date in a near future.

I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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