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Dear Commissioner,

Ahead of the TiSA Ministerial tomorrow, we would like to share with you our Global Industry Statement on advancing a digital trade agenda in TiSA negotiations.

The promotion and preservation of internet openness and cross-border information flows must be actioned as a matter of priority. Time is of the essence if we are to leverage the momentum of recent significant developments. The Trans-Pacific Partnership which includes, for the first time, comprehensive trade arrangements in support of Internet and digital services was concluded on 15 October 2015.

In Nairobi, Kenya, expansion of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA II) was agreed in December 2015. After the second edition in twenty years time of the G7 ICT Ministerial in Takamatsu, Japan, last April and ahead of the G20 Leaders Summit in Hangzhou, China where the digital economy will occupy a strategic place on the agenda, we believe that it is important that this forum further advance the global digital trade agenda.

We wish you a successful meeting.

Best regards,

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