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Directorate-General for Trade

Directorate E - Neighbouring countries, USA and Canada
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Meeting with CEUTIA on 29 January 2018

Art4.1(b) and Art4.1(b) (Unit E1 DG Trade) met with Art4.1(b) from CEUTIA at his request.

Art4.1(b) has briefly presented the organisation and explained that they see CETA as a win-win for businesses on both sides. He mentioned that they are working both in Canada and the EU and that they see their main role as educating businesses on other than tariff aspects of CETA agreement, so that businesses take full benefit of it. We understood that their main focus will be represent the interest of Canadian small business in the EU, but that they will also look to work with the EU SME's. CEUTIA had started working with some of the EU Member State chambers in Canada as well as with EU Chamber of Commerce in Canada West and EUCCAN in order to see what should be done to improve business opportunities across the Atlantic.

Further he has inquired about Regulatory Cooperation Forum and stakeholder involvement in it. What we see as possible topics for discussion. E1 has referred him to a recent call for proposals on RCF that was published on DG Trade website and informed that discussion on institutional structures are continuing. E1 has also explained that the Commission is (or will be) consulting with stakeholders in different fora such as for example Civil Society Dialogue network, CETA Civil Society Forum (including CETA EU DAG), newly established Advisory Group for Trade matters and that the Commissions door is always open to hear views and positions of everyone.