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Subject: Report: Meeting of DG TRADE Deputy Director General Joost Korte with Cefic – 19 June 2017, 15.00-16.00

Attachments: 170416 Bloomberg - BREXIT alarm chemical industry.docx

Participants:

- Cefic: René van Sloten, Executive Director Industrial Policy; Servet Goeren, Director International Affairs; Irene van Luijken, Director Communications.
- DG TRADE: Joost Korte, DDG; Art.4.1 b, G.1; Art.4.1 b, G.3.

Good meeting between Joost Korte and the EU chemical industry association Cefic which served as a courtesy visit, allowing Joost and some of our key Cefic contacts to get to know each other. Moreover, Cefic used the occasion to express the association's strong concerns about the BREXIT negotiations which were incidentally just launched on the same day (19 June 2017).

During the meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Launch of the BREXIT negotiations – Cefic underlined that the association and its members are very worried about the possibility of a "cliff-edge, hard BREXIT" and the future EU-UK regulatory divergence this could entail. The enclosed, publicly available Bloomberg article sheds some light on the respective concerns of the EU chemical industry.
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