



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

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**Video-meeting between Mr Gints Freimanis & [REDACTED]**

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**MINUTES**

**Minutes of the meeting:**

[REDACTED] presentation:

- Will not work for AI sectors
- Free allowance must remain
- ETS must remain
- Competitiveness should not be harmed

GF: Presenting state of paly with proposal; highlighting complexity – meeting point of 3 major policy areas – taxation, environment, trade Environmental measure - on the border of 3 major policy areas. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Carbon footprint must be measured adequately; Links to third countries - 60+ carbon pricing mechanisms worldwide.

[REDACTED] Communication - very important risks well analysed.

Fertilizers association - 2 comments - Commission brave as regards the ambition; old thinking - run by lawyers, WTO doesn't work - strategic autonomy – Commission d be ambitious - need to maintain free allowances – good luck with WTO; our support unconditional - how you align with test sectors.

Ceramics - sector heterogenic - only 50% covered by benchmarks; what is the vision - work for all the products; compatibility with WTO; important issue - market economy status of China.