Re: Meeting with EFILA - 21 October 2014

Present:

EFILA Dr. Nikos Lavranos, Secretary-General, Blazej Blasikiewicz, General Manager, Grayston & Company

COM, TRADE B2, TRADE F2.

Report:

Short meeting in which EFILA introduced themselves and explained their objectives.

EFILA asked for the Commission’s assessment of the state of play on the ISDS file. COM explained that it was in the process of analysing the responses to the TTIP ISDS consultation and preparing a report. The results of the consultation would then need to be discussed between the 3 EU institutions to decide on the next steps. Timing was not yet fixed.

EFILA stated that it would carry out substantive work on ISDS issues and offered to share that work product with the Commission. COM stated that it would always look at any studies from any source, so a decision to carry out any such work was a decision for EFILA.

Finally, EFILA stated that it would like the Commission to speak at its inaugural conference in January 2015. The Commission took note and agreed to get back to EFILA on whether that would be feasible.