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Committee: 8 May

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Agenda for Roundtable Meeting with Maria Asenius 8 May 2015 (as at 30

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Importance:

High

Dear

Many thanks for your e-mail to

Lunch will be informal (just Maria Asenius, Gary Campkin (TheCityUK's Director of International Strategy), and me). I understand that Maria will be on her way back from the US; so we shall naturally be very interested in her impressions from her visit. If she agrees, we would also like to talk over lunch about trade policy priorities as Maria sees them, with particular reference to the proposed new Commission Communication on Trade Policy, where we're interested in her views on the policy formulation process at present (the role of the Trade Policy Committee, and so on) and plans for change. We would also be very interested in Maria's perceptions of the really pressing priorities in trade (TTIP and TiSA), and in investment protection policy. And of course we would want to leave plenty of time for whatever questions she would like to raise with us.

As for the LOTIS Committee meeting, I suggest the attached agenda. However, if Maria has other views, we shall be quite happy to adapt it. The meeting may include about 15 people.

Of course, Maria Asenius's visit will take place the day after the UK General Election. Depending on the result, there may be all kinds of other topics to talk about too.

Best wishes,

John

## John Cooke

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## Agenda for Roundtable Meeting with Maria Asenius (Chef de Cabinet to Commissioner Malmström) Friday 8 May 2015, 14.15 for 14.30

Venue: Standard Chartered, 1 Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 5DD

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Introduction by Maria Asenius
- 3) Discussion
  - Proposed Commission Communication "Trade and Investment Strategy for Jobs and Growth"
    - Trade Policy current and future priorities
    - Investment Protection ISDS Consultation and next steps
  - Current Issues in trade liberalisation for financial and related professional services
    - The WTO's Post-Bali Work Programme & the Doha Round
    - Plurilateral Negotiations in TiSA
    - Bilateral Negotiations (TTIP and other FTAs)
  - Interaction between the private sector and policymakers in EU Institutions (Commission, Council and European Parliament)
- 4) Any other business