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Subject:

JLD at the International Relations Committee of BusinessEurope, 08/05/2015

**Report Meeting: JLD at the International Relations Committee of BusinessEurope, 08 May 2015**

JLD provided an update on trade topics based on the list of interests indicated by BusinessEurope: TTIP, including the Commission's proposal on ISDS;

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Participants raised the following issues during the Q/A session:

BDI (Federation of German Industries) enquired about the Council's reaction to the **Commission's concept paper on ISDS**.

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JLD explained that the Commission's paper was well received in the Council and underlined the importance of keeping a workable, balanced system.

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IBEC (Irish Business) asked about DG Trade's strategy with regards to the **digital economy**, a priority for this Commission (i.e. publication of the Digital Single Market strategy on 6 May). He enquired in particular about the link with the services offers in TTIP and the inclusion of elements of the digital economy in the EU's trade strategy. JLD agreed with the importance of the digital economy. With regards to TTIP, this is not yet being negotiated as progress on safe harbour would have to be made first.

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Fertilizers Europe wondered how the energy union and upcoming COP 21 in Paris would impact EU's trade negotiations on **energy chapters** and relations with Russia and Ukraine. JLD said that energy was a key component of all of the EU's negotiations.

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Eurometaux enquired about progress on the **energy chapter in TTIP**. JLD replied that the US engagement on energy was better during the last round.

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Confindustria referred to rumours that the US might **exclude GIs from TPA** and asked what impact such a move would have on TTIP. JLD explained that in the old TPA there was already a provision on GIs.

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She also referred to the worrying trend in the Parliament's resolution to exclude all public services in TTIP and TiSA. JLD said that an agreement had been made two years ago on an exchange of offers in the vicinity of 90% of trade liberalization in terms of volume of trade; more clarity from Mercosur is needed before the EU can engage further.