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Meeting with the association of social insurance (AIM) ([Art. 4.1(b)]  
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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> of July

*Summary:*

A good exchange of arguments on the need to modify the EU's approach to social services. AIM was constructive and took note of COM's explanations. Their further step will depend probably on the reaction of their stakeholders. We agreed to organize a follow up meeting after the summer break.

*Details:*

COM debriefed AIM on progress in major negotiations (TTIP, TiSA, CETA). With respect to report submitted by AIM, COM explained that it is undergoing a legal analysis involving the Legal Service of the Commission.

COM also explained the EU's approach to public services in trade negotiations stressing that EU's agreements provide broad policy space to regulate and organize public services. In this context, COM made a remark that the AIM report does not provide the information necessary to assess on whether measures related to social insurance are indeed incompatible with the EU's trade agreement. AIM responded that their priority is to ensure exclusion of their sector irrespectively of any existing violation. Their concern is that TTIP could include legal loopholes which could then undermine the system of social security in the EU. The EU clarified that the EU trade agreements have a much more limited scope as compared to the EU legislation on the single market. Consequently, US companies providing social services in the EU would be subject to the same rules as the EU providers of such services. COM also hinted on the existing commitments undertaken in the GATS and other bilateral negotiations, which frame the EU's flexibility as regards the EU's approach to social insurance in trade agreements.

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