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Participants:
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Summary:
IP Europe raised the following issues, along the lines presented in their concept paper:
- TTIP might present an opportunity to endorse initiatives against proliferation of the so-called "patent-trolls" behaviour;
- while TTIP should contain a strong patent protection provisions, some IPR issues could be better dealt with in a multilateral forum.

DG TRADE took note of IP Europe’s concerns and made the following points:
- at this stage it is still premature to speak of the exact content of the IPR Chapter; the IPR chapter will not be using any model text (neither that of the EU nor the US); TTIP is not a routine agreement;
- regarding patent trolls US has some domestic legislative initiatives, which, if successful, would address some of stakeholders’ concerns; these issues are also being discussed in TTIP IPR group & the EU is following the legislative developments closely;

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