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I had a short meeting with the CEO of the Confederation of Skilled Crafts of Dresden ([Art. 4.1 (b)],
Handwerkskammer Dresden) and the Head of Unit of the European Affairs Division of the German
Confederation of Skilled Crafts and Small Businesses ([Art. 4.1 (b)], Zentralverband des Deutschen
Handwerks – ZDH, representing more than 100 professions in the skilled crafts sector).

Both expressed general support for TTIP and flagged some (limited and rather unspecified) offensive
interests in public procurement. I mentioned mode 4 related issues, they promised to enquire.

In terms of defensive interests, they flagged a general concern of undoing certain "safeguards" which they
managed to maintain in the internal market (such as the "Große Befähigungsnachweis" –which requires
certain qualifications if you want to run e.g. a carpenter's or plumber's business in DE). I explained the scope
of what we usually do in the services/investment chapters of our FTAs and said that the mentioned
requirement is not affected by our trade agreements except if it were applied in a discriminatory way.

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