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I attended a meeting of the Committee for European Affairs of the umbrella association of the various social services associations in Germany (Rotes Kreuz, AWO, Caritas, Diakonie etc.). This was my second intervention with this Committee in the last six months.

I gave a short introduction of the state of play of TTIP and ^{Out of scope}, incl. recent meetings in Berlin (Gabriel Advisory Group and meeting with SPD/trade unions). I gave reassurances about our usual approach and reported about discussions with US which revealed similar sensitivity about public services on US side, even though the tools to protect the sector may be different. I also praised the recent joint paper between the association and the German Ministry of Economy.

Questions remained at a rather general level, incl. likelihood of concluding TTIP in 2015, [Out of scope] [Out of scope], positive list and ISDS (Gabriel idea of permanent court). Representative of German municipalities reported that municipalities have now understood and accepted the EU approach on public services and will notably not question the wording of the public utilities clause anymore.

The Committee had prepared a number of questions on the EU text on subsidies/competition/SOEs, but for lack of time this will have to be dealt with at a later occasion [Out of scope]
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