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Meeting with [Art. 4.1(b)] (Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband)  
Date: 25.06.15  
Participants: [Art. 4.1(b)]

The meeting was organized at the request of LB who wanted to update the Commission on the DSG position as regards the treatment of Sparkassen in TTIP in view of the recent legal opinion completed by [Art. 4.1(b)] .

[Art. 4.1(a)]

The Commission presented the arguments against modifying the offer, namely potential impact on previous agreements despite "for greater clarity" language and negative negotiating dynamics for TTIP.

[Art. 4.2]

Furthermore, he recognized also that the language "in like situations" used in NT obligation in CETA and in TTIP provides more regulatory flexibility as compared to the concept of "like supplier" used in the GATS or in TiSA. On the other hand the two latter negotiations are considered to be less risky due to the absence of ISDS.

[Art. 4.1(a)]

