Dear all,

Ignacio met with three representatives of the EESC (Jacek Krawczyk, rapporteur on the TTIP opinion, Sandy Boyle, co-rapporteur, and Benedicte Federspiel, also member of the advisory group) on 4 March.

The discussion focused on progress made during the 8th round of TTIP and a forward look, covering the following topics:

- Tariffs – in particular fisheries and strategic raw materials
- Data privacy and the e-commerce chapter
- Public procurement
- Financial services regulatory cooperation
- Horizontal regulatory cooperation
- Sectors: cars, including data equivalency; chemicals, including the pilot studies
- ISDS in TTIP and CETA – on which EESC will be producing a separate opinion in April
- SMEs – on which EESC will be producing a separate opinion
- Sustainable development
- Energy and raw materials
- Timescales and ambition for 2015

IGB agreed to share the same list of contact points for queries on specific negotiating topics as will also be shared with the Advisory Group. (I'll action this)

Please pass on to any other interested parties I may have missed.

Kind regards

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