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Cabinet of Commissioner Cecilia Malmström

The Head of Cabinet

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Dear Mr Varin,

Thank you very much for inviting Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström to have dinner with member Presidents of Cercle de l'Industrie in Paris. The Commissioner has asked me to convey her best regards and to reply to you on her behalf.

The European Commission engages in defending the European industry's interests in its ambitious trade agenda and improving business environments by tackling trade barriers, in particular public procurement in negotiations with Japan (EU-Japan FTA) and the United States (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership).

As you know, Commissioner Malmström has taken over her new responsibilities only recently and her schedule will unfortunately not allow her to have dinner with the member Presidents of Cercle de l'Industrie in Paris. The Commissioner regrets that she cannot join you this time and would be pleased to exchange views and information with you and member Presidents in the forthcoming spring.

Yours/sincerely,

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