Earlier today I replaced [name] at the Japan Network Meeting of Business Europe. I updated the BE members on the state of play following the 7th round of the EU-Japan FTA negotiations and the next steps. I also mentioned briefly the preparation of the second list of NTMs.

The following questions were asked:

**Confederation of Danish Industries**: What type of mechanism will the FTA include to address new NTMs? The first list of NTMs was agreed upfront with Japan the second is not, does it mean that there is no commitment of Japan to deliver on the second list? How can do plan to learn from the Korea example on NTMs? How can one improve the utilisation rate of FTAs?

**BDI**: which chapters are the closest to completion? Railway procurement is important, MA for all sectors important. What is the state of play of the Trade and Sustainable Development chapter?

**MEDEF**: MA in procurement is very important. How do you plan to address the issue of OSC for products that are not strictly used in railways? If other sectoral annexes are being considered, cosmetics and pharmaceutical sectors are important.

**Confindustria**: how to ensure that the various negotiations (TTIP vs. Japan-EU FTA) are consistent when it comes to regulatory aspects? What is the impact of TPP?

**BE**: how do you want to address the issue of RoO with Japan? Is there any links with the TPP?

**ACEA**: according to the latest news the elections in Japan might be moved to end 2015 (instead of early 2016). Does it mean that the goal will be to finish the negotiations before the elections?

(Not sure who): Are the report of the rounds available publicly? (reference to TTIP)

You will find enclosed the list of participants to the meeting.
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