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Subject: Meeting with international committee of Business Europe

[Art. 4.1(b)] had a meeting with the International committee of Business Europe (led by Luisa Santos) to discuss EU-Japan FTA.

[Art. 4.1(b)] gave an update of the latest state of play of the negotiations.

BE shared their own assessment: Japan is very keen on concluding in 2015 but difficult to see strong commitment beyond METI. On regulatory cooperation the message they pass to the business community is that we should not overload the FTA and that this should be mostly done via a parallel track.

BE is now engaged in the BRT preparations. They are very interested in an ambitious FTA with Japan.

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