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On Japan FTA, MEDEF enquired about the operational safety clause for railways companies. JLD explained that Japan has delivered during the first year of the negotiations more than what was foreseen in the scoping exercise. The opening of the railway market in Japan is very important in the context of the negotiations but was not promised for the first year. Toshiba asked about possible dates for the conclusion of an FTA with Japan and if this agreement continues to be a priority for the Commission. JLD replied that the FTA with Japan is very important and could actually be concluded before TTIP. Depending on the outcome of the TPP, which the EU is monitoring closely, the aim would be to conclude the FTA with Japan by spring 2016.