Meeting with EU-ASEAN Business Council Representatives on ASEAN-EU relations and prospects
, 14 November 2016

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The meeting was asked by EABC in the framework of their annual visit to Brussels. Meeting programme and list of business representatives is attached.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and give support to the FTA initiatives in the region, raise the importance of the presence of Commissioner Malmström at the forthcoming Business summit in the Philippines, and share information on the preparations.

Summary:
EABC called for more feedback and enhanced communication with services in Brussels, especially on the FTA related industry consultations. Outlined the importance of FTA enforcement. Industry willing to do more outreach through media campaign to communicate the benefits of FTAs in the future. Specific market access concerns will be discussed at the meeting with DG Trade officials on Tuesday 15 November.

Business Summit: ASEAN secretariat has suggested that consultations are held in September in Manila (instead of Davao or Ilo Ilo), for the purpose of the Summit the AEBC would support this idea.

Indonesia and Philippines FTA negotiations were also briefly discussed. Thailand FTA resumption was raised as well.