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FW: Report - JLD meeting with CLEPA CEO Jean-Marc Gales - 24/10/2012

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Meeting Report - Jean-Luc Demarty with CLEPA CEO Jean-Marc Gales - 24/10/2012

COM: J-L Demarty, P.Berz, R.Bhaskar, A.Szymanski (TRADE).

Industry: [Art 4.1b] Clepa)

Official introductory meeting of [Art 4.1b] further to his appointment as Clepa's CEO in April this year. Clepa reps presented the association (underlining that many non-EU companies, especially Japanese ones, are among its members due to their EU presence), as well as the trends in the sector, then key trade issues for Clepa were discussed.

- **Generally:** EU is still the biggest cars producer in the world. It has the biggest R&D/innovation budget of all industrial sectors (ca 15bln EUR of RDI). Components manufacturers contribute to this (half of R&D spending of sector). Clepa underlined it does support free trade.

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- **US:** Clepa expressed support, and underlined the importance of trying to solve NTBs/homologation issues. Prioritization will also be needed, and Clepa will also work on that.

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