On 17 January 2017, the undersigned met with the Orgalime's Trade Policy Group and gave a presentation on the state of play of our trade initiatives in South and South East Asia as well as Australia and New Zealand.

In the Q&A session, Orgalime members raised the following issues:

encouragement to be more forward looking in our FTA negotiations to ensure that FTA tariff preferences are not nullified by new standards introduced by FTA partners (citing the Korea FTA experience).
metalworking & metal articles industries of 24 European countries. The industry employs some 10.9 million people in the EU and in 2015 accounted for more than €1,900 billion of annual output. The industry accounts for over a quarter of manufacturing output and a third of the manufactured exports of the European Union.

We are organizing our bi-annual meeting of the Trade Policy Working group in Brussels on 17 January 2017. We would be extremely pleased if you could be available to join us at this occasion to give an update on the state of play of negotiations with India, Indonesia, Philippines and Australia. Your intervention could be planned for around 11 a.m.

Do not hesitate to contact us where you need any further information.

Many thanks in advance for your attention.

I am looking forward to your answer.

With kind regards,

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