To: KONIG Helena (TRADE)

**Cc:** art 4(1)(b)

**Subject:** Report - meeting with the UK Law Societies on EU-Asia trade relations

On 12 October 2016, the undersigned met with representatives from the office of the UK Law Societies art 4(1)(b)

The meeting focused on the state of play of FTA negotiations with India, ASEAN Member States, Australia and New Zealand, and Japan as well as the of the trade relations with China, with particular focus on trade in services, including in the legal services sector.

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**From:** art 4(1)(b)

**Sent:** 12 September 2016 15:34

To: | art 4(1)(b)

**Subject:** Request for a meeting with the UK Law Societies

Dear art 4(1)(b)

I hope this message finds you well. I was wondering if you and / or your colleagues would be available for a meeting (or several meetings) on the afternoon of 12 October. We are very interested in the progress of trade negotiations in Japan and South Korea; however, we are also quite interested in China, Hong Kong and Australia. Our office in Brussels has been in regular contact with DG Trade, especially in relation to TTIP and TiSA and the overall dossier of professional services.

The Law Society of England and Wales is a professional body of solicitors and its international department maintains relationship with its members and bar associations around the world. Our main interests are practising rights of solicitors in different jurisdictions and we would be happy to share some of our experiences in working with our members in countries mentioned above. My colleague art 4(1)(b) who is our policy adviser on Far East and Australia and New Zealand will be in Brussels in the afternoon of 12 October. I thought it would be a good opportunity for her and myself to meet key persons responsible for these countries and to discuss latest developments.

If you have any questions or need more information about the Law Society, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

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**EU Professional Practice Policy Advisor** 

Advance notice of business travel: 13 September, 27-29 September

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