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Subject:

Report between Commissioner Malmström and Indonesia Minister of Trade,

Thomas Lembong, 4 April 2016

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On occasion of the EU/Indonesia FTA scoping discussions held in Brussels on 4 April 2016, Commissioner Malmström met with Minister Lembong to take stock of the scoping process.

The Commissioner welcomed the constructive scoping discussions held so far that day, while referring to the need of continuing the negotiations on the outstanding issues the following day. Provided issues can be solved by the time of the visit of Indonesia's President to Brussels on 21 April, both sides could announce that the scoping is finalised and move to the next steps towards launching the actual FTA negotiations.

art 4(1)(a)

Minister Lembong asked

how the EU's new issues on SMEs, anti-corruption, energy and raw materials would be dealt with in the scoping paper. art 4(1)(a)

Commissioner Malmström art 4(1)(a)

She also

conveyed the EU concerns with regard to Indonesia trade restrictions, e.g. on port restrictions for fruit and vegetables, export taxes, investment-related restrictions, which go against the spirit of a possible FTA/CEPA. She suggested that it would be helpful, also in light of the necessary endorsement from Member States, to receive indications from Indonesia that it is ready to remove some of its restrictive measures.

The Commissioner also indicated that during President Widodo's visit, Commission President Juncker and EP President Schultz may also bring up the FLEGT-VPA Agreement, for which full

implementation is foreseen in 2016. art 4(1)(a)

The Minister also briefly mentioned his vision about Indonesia's economy and hinted at services, e-commerce, digital economy. He stressed the importance of cultural and religious exchanges, promoting positive, entrepreneurial young Indonesian representations. art 4(1)(a)

Finally, the Commissioner stressed the importance of constructive work on the post-Nairobi WTO agenda, and strong cooperation between the EU and Indonesia in this respect. The Minister agreed on the need to work on this issue and in this regard, he referred to WTO Director General Azevedo's visit in Jakarta the following week.

Minister Lembong concluded by mentioning environment, the issue of palm oil, the importance to make production sustainable and help future producer countries, e.g. Africa to avoid Indonesia's mistakes.

The Commissioner thanked the Minister for his visit and further suggested that he should also meet the members of the EP INTA group.

art 4(1)(b)

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