



## EU-US meeting request

**Meeting date and place**  
 Meeting held on 28/11/2018 10:00 in Charlemagne

**Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)**

[redacted]	-- Verband der Automobilindustrie (TRN: 95574664768-90)	Participant, Requester,
[Art.4.1(b)]	-- Verband der Automobilindustrie (TRN: 95574664768-90)	Participant,
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**Main issues discussed**

The meeting focussed on the recent invitation of the CEOs of the three main German companies to the White House, a meeting that DG Trade and the Cabinet tried to dissuade. VDI explained that the meeting was organised by the US Ambassador in Berlin and that CEOs were unlikely to refuse if directly invited by the US President.

In any event, Ignacio Garcia Bercero (IGB) indicated the EU would take a firm line and excluded any possible compromise entailing EU acceptance of illegal solutions, like voluntary export restraints. On the possible outcome of a 232 report proposing restricting measures affecting EU export, he declared that a firm answer from the EU would follow suit. [redacted] [Art.4.1(a)]

The meeting was followed by a visit to C. Burgsmuller (Cabinet Malmstroem), focussed on the same issues.

**Directorate or unit**  
 TRADE E

**Internal participants**

Mr GARCIA BERCERO Ignacio	TRADE E	(ignacio.garcia-bercero@ec.europa.eu)	Requested for,
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**Author(s) of minutes**  
 [redacted] [Art.4.1(b)]

**Validator and validation date**  
 GARCIA BERCERO Ignacio validated the minutes on 25/01/2019 11:40