



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Commissioner Phil Hogan
Member of Cabinet

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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF DG TRADE

Subject: Meeting with ITIC, Dublin, 5th March 2020

In attendance: Commissioner Hogan, (EU Representation to Ireland), Kevin Keary (Member of Cabinet/notetaker).

Report of meeting

A short courtesy meeting between Commissioner Hogan and who was in Dublin to attend the American Chamber of Commerce to Ireland Transatlantic Conference in Croke Park, on 5th March, where Commissioner Hogan delivered the keynote speech.

raised transatlantic relations – crucial for global trade that a smooth transatlantic relationship be prioritised. He praised USMCA provisions on digital services, citing them as a “gold standard”. He also flagged positive efforts in OECD to agree on structure for a digital services tax. There is an acceptance of a need for one, avoiding double taxation.

In response, Commissioner Hogan flagged his ongoing engagement with USTR Lighthizer citing the Trilateral Statement on Industrial Subsidies and Forced Technology Transfers as an example of such cooperation. He underlined importance of e-commerce negotiations in WTO, and also the importance of the OECD negotiations on a digital services tax.

Kevin KEARY

c.c.: CAB Hogan