Dear panel speakers,

Thank you very much for taking the time to talk to us this morning. To finalise the agenda we will publish on the website, please also send us a short bio, we attach last year's version as a model.

As also mentioned during the call, the first panel should focus on substantive investment protection rights in the EU, while dispute settlement mechanisms will be discussed during the second panel discussion.

Here a little recap on the topics for your contribution (as said ideally 5 to 6 min to leave enough time for interactive discussion):

1) Will relate investors' perception of the investment climate in EU Member States, with a special focus on SMEs, which may be more vulnerable to certain types of measures:
   - what type of issues do they experience? (eg unexpected regulatory changes, discriminatory or disproportionate measures …)
   - do investors currently feel sufficiently and effectively protected?

2) Will complement with the perspective of large companies with often international activities/an international perspective:
   - Do you see a need for additional legislation on substantive investment rights at EU level?
   - If yes, what should be the content and purpose?
   - In what cases/situations should investors be entitled to receive monetary compensation and how should this compensation be calculated?

3) Will complement on the second topic of the panel and the states' "right to regulate" in the public interest. While adequate protection seems essential to encourage investments, these protection interests are not absolute. They need to be balanced against other societal interests, such as environmental/climate goals, citizens' rights etc.
   Another strand of reflection in the view of the new policy priorities is how investment protection could be best aligned with broader goals such as sustainability or climate goals.

4) Will give a short presentation of the rule making process in the Netherlands and explain the possibilities for stakeholders to keep informed and to contribute/make their voice heard in the process.

Please do not hesitate to come back to us if you have any further comments/questions.

Kind regards
at 10.15 AM.
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We look forward to talking to you during the phone call!

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