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Meeting Report

Meeting with ITIC - 14.01.2015

Participants: ITIC, see attachment.

Commission: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], DG Trade F3

1. ITIC reiterated previous positions from the ICT industry. They are not so concerned about the EU and US differences in standardisation but they are concerned about **emerging countries like China and India**, who are setting their own standards and conformity assessment procedures, not really respecting the WTO Code of Good Practice especially for openness, transparency and non-discrimination. ITIC believes that TTIP should address these issues and create a golden standard in these areas and reinforce the TBT Agreement.
2. ITIC believes that TTIP negotiators should think out of the box and acknowledge that regulatory regimes have evolved since the signature of the TBT Agreement. Both parties should acknowledge that even if both systems have adequately delivered, there is room for improvement. There is a need to be forward looking. In particular they insisted on how appropriate it would be to acknowledge the work of standardisation consortia, not only in the ICT sectors but also in more traditional industry areas. They advocated for a market driven standardisation system.
3. They indicated that they are looking into a common position with Digital Europe, who they were meeting the day after. They also indicated that they had held a meeting with DG GROW and were soon to meet DG CNECT.