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Subject: TTIP - SME - Meeting with UK's Federation of Small Business

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FSB: [ART. 4.1b], [ART. 4.1b],

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FSB asked for the meeting to present some ideas concerning SME issues in the TTIP (as a follow up to the recent EU-US SME workshop). They were very pleased about the special attention given to SME (stressing also that if TTIP can deliver for SME that would have a very positive impact on the UK [NOT RELEASABLE]).

They advocated for 1) SME "testing" of provisions across the TTIP as well as 2) a separate SME chapter. In terms of the former, they suggest that the principles used in the EU smart regulation exercise should also be applied to the TTIP as far as possible. [NOT RELEASABLE]. As regards the SME chapter, they would like it to focus on transparency, trade and investment promotion for SME (which we noted fell outside EU competence...), give some recognition to the importance of entrepreneurship ("celebrate" entrepreneurship) and include a commitment to "think small first" in regulating.

We should receive a position paper with more details soon.

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