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**Subject:** Report - Trade Policy Briefing with the European Branded Clothing Alliance (EBCA)

**Importance:** High

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**Report meeting – Trade Policy Briefing with the European Branded Clothing Alliance (EBCA), 12 November 2013, Brussels**

### **Participants**

EBCA members: [ ART. 4.1b ], (Nike), [ ART. 4.1b ], (Levi's), [ ART. 4.1b ], (Ralph Lauren), [ ART. 4.1b ], (Inditex), [ ART. 4.1b ], (EBCA Secretariat) [ ART. 4.1b ], (EBCA Secretariat).

Commission: *Damien LEVIE, Antonio PARENTI, Eva-Maria SANCHEZ, Helena KONIG and Elena SUAREZ SANCHEZ.*

### **US –TTIP**

COM (DL) gave an update on the TTIP, including on the structure of the agreement and timing. DL indicated that in principle the EU does not envisage treating Textiles and Apparel separately in TTIP. On RoO, the EU's aim is to pursue trade-enhancing rules.

EBCA listed its interests: tariff elimination across the board and as fast as possible for apparel and footwear, since the US has tariff peaks for certain textile products, more liberalised RoO, harmonisation in labelling, standards, certification, and other regulatory issues and IPR. Important also that rules will apply at sub-federal level in the US. EBCA regrets that the US has always a special chapter on textiles and clothing in its FTAs negotiated by a special agency. [ NOT RELEVANT ].

EBCA is in contact with AAFA (American Apparel & Footwear Association); some of the American EBCA members are also members of AAFA. They could foresee the submission of a joint paper on TTIP.