

**Report of the meeting Karel de Gucht – IBM, 11 July 2013, 10-11 h.**

**I. Participants**

1. IBM: [ ART 4.1b ], [ ART 4.1b ]; [ ART 4.1b ] and [ ART 4.1b ]
2. COM Karel de Gucht, Bernard Bulcke (CAB Trade); Sylvia Baule (DG Trade – Trade in Services)

**II. Main points discussed**

- IBM ([ ART 4.1b ]) was interested to hear about progress made in **TTiP negotiations** this week. KDG mentioned that it would be too early to evaluate the progress - only after the second negotiation round (October) it will make sense to make a preliminary evaluation - he stressed the fact that the EU has a strong mandate from the beginning of the negotiations notwithstanding difficult discussion on the cultural exception –(US has no TPA yet)
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