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Subject: Meeting with CEFIC and ACC

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Commission: Damien Levie and Pablo Neira.

- CEFIC and ACC highlighted the importance of chemicals trade between the US and the EU, and the need to make progress on tariffs and most importantly on regulatory issues in order to reduce costs.
- They note that the engagement of the administration is higher in the EU than in the US. However, business pressure is increasing in the US.
- Although they have not presented their paper to EPA yet, they believe EPA is necessarily acquainted with some of the principles proposed.
- They support the idea of tackling elements that are common to both regulatory systems, which can be achieved within a certain timeline without modifications of the core regulations:
 - Information sharing.
 - Common principles for prioritizing chemicals for review and evaluation.
 - Common scientific basis for regulatory decisions.
 - Protection of confidential business information.
 - GHS: Implementation of the international convention.
- In the short term they advocate for:
 - Implementation of the 2002/2011 Guidelines on Regulatory Cooperation
 - Exchange of Regulatory IAs.
- They support the idea of achieving results in specific sectors during the negotiations, while establishing procedures to be continued afterwards in some other areas.
- They welcome the idea of a HLRCF where industry's proposals were to be discussed by regulators from both sides of the Atlantic.

Follow up: CEFIC/ACC will soon submit their joint paper, with an estimation of the economic value of enhanced cooperation.

ACC will reach out to USTR/OIRA in order to support the idea of joint discussions within the HLRCF, DG TRADE to follow up.

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