

Report: JLD meeting with AECA (The American European Community Association) members

Not relevant for the request.

On the EU-US Trade negotiations, JLD was asked what is different now that will make the negotiations successful as compared with previous failed attempts to negotiate such a trade agreement. JLD replied that there are several factors: the economic crisis on both sides; ***[Not releasable]***; now that the perspectives of concluding a multilateral agreement at the WTO level are blurred, these negotiations are more appealing and well received; agriculture is not anymore a major stumbling block. JLD indicated that this time, this initiative enjoys a large political support. Since the EU-US High Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth was launched, it has advanced tremendously. In addition, the statement by the 3 Presidents in Los Cabos has given this undertaking considerable momentum. JLD emphasised that the agreement should be comprehensive and negotiations should not last too long and have a *rendez-vous* clause. Asked about the influence of the outcome of the US elections, JLD replied that the results of the elections would not change the course of the negotiations.

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