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Yesterday, Monday 19 June 2017, I met at their request with Art. 4.1(b) (Netherlands Maritime Technology) and Art. 4.1(b) (Shipyards & Equipment Association- SEA) to discuss the EU-China investment agreement negotiations in relation to the shipbuilding industry's concerns and requests.

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SEA also mentioned that a decision has been taken in the OECD working group on shipbuilding to launch discussions on restoring the competitive restrictions the shipbuilding industry is facing worldwide; China will be participating in these discussions.

As a follow up to the meeting SEA shared the following documents (attached to the report):

- PPT presentation held at SEA annual conference on 1 March by Prof Johnathan Holslag (Professor of International Politics at the Free University Brussels and Special Advisor to the COM Vice-President Mr. Frans Timmermans)
- A press article published shortly thereafter (“EU urged to strengthen response to China’s shipbuilding drive”) by the same professor
- A ppt presentations by DAMEN (largest SEA member with a 100% NL owned shipyard in China) at the last China-EU shipbuilding Dialogue meeting held on 28 March 2017

I took note of the concerns and provided a state of play of the negotiations with China.

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