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**Subject:** FYI/phone call on Indonesia with representative of tyres industry, 14 April 2016

FYI

4(1)(b), representative of Michelin, called me to inquire about Indonesia and the state of play on scoping discussions and prospects for an FTA negotiations and to convey the EU industry's interest in negotiating a FTA.

I explained where we stand on the scoping paper and described the current situation.

Michelin and the EU industry would be interested in concluding an FTA with Indonesia. So far, their main investments concern joint ventures (*partenariats*) on natural rubber. Custom duty rates on tyres amount to 15% and the market is not easily accessible, although 4(1)(b) welcomes the repeal of the trade –restrictive measures, which were removed last year after joint industry/Commission efforts and pressure on the Indonesian Government.

On the other hand, 4(1)(b) will further inquire whether the industry *in loco* encounters any types of problems and committed to revert, should other types of barriers be applied to tyres.

Best regards, 4(1)(b)

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