## **REPORT**

## Jean-Luc Demarty (JLD) at the BusinessEurope International Relations Committee 21 February 2017, 11:30-12:30

Summary				
Art 4.1(b) introduced the meeting referring to current challenges in the trade environment such as the rising protectionism and the difficulties to convince citizens about the benefits of trade agreements. On the positive side, the Chairman welcomed the consent granted by the European Parliament to CETA and highlighted the need to shift the focus to national ratification procedures.				
JLD provided an update on trade topics requested by BusinessEurope:  Out of scope  Subsequently, participants raised questions on negotiations with, MERCOSUR,				
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JLD's 30 minutes intervention was followed by 60 minutes of questions and answers				
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Fu	urther questions were raised w	vith regard to the <b>MERCOSUR</b>	R FTA negotiations, as well as
of	the both FTAs	Out of scope	JLD elaborated on the state of play
OI	the both i iAs		
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			Art 4.1(b) , TRADE G3, <b>2</b> Art 4.1(b

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