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**Subject:** Meeting with EuroCommerce on Eu-China investment agreement

Dear all,

I attended today the *EuroCommerce International Trade Committee meeting* at their invitation to debrief them about the **state of play of EU-China investment agreement negotiations** (Felipe Palacios Sureda could not make it having in parallel to attend the TPC S&I).

Questions received where:

- Will we have an FTA with China? I answered that we were focusing on achieving an ambitious investment agreement before considering any broader initiative.
- How can EuroCommerce contribute to the negotiation? I invited EuroCommerce to tell us what are their priorities in terms of removing foreign investment restrictions in China?
- The NL retailer association complained about EU rules providing for an exception to custom duties for goods imported from China below 150 €. I promised to provide more information about this rule.

Best,

Xavier

