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**Subject:** RE: China-EU investment negotiations

Dear Felipe Palacios Sureda,

Thank you very much for your swift response to my questions.

Best regards,

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Dear [Art 4.16]

In brief reply to your message below, the negotiations for an investment agreement with China will indeed include discussions on provisions on transfers, expropriation and market access, [

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Kind regards,

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Dear Ms. Koutoglidou and Mr. Sureda,

I am contacting you on behalf of an international trade federation who is closely following the negotiations between the EU and China on the investment agreement. I was hoping that you could confirm whether or not the intention is to discuss/touch upon the below issues as part of the future investment agreement:

- Will the EU push for the possibility of EU companies being able to expatriate profits made on their investments in China?
- Will the EU push for protection of EU investors from expropriation as part of the investment protection provisions?
- Will the EU push for overcoming the need for involving Chinese intermediaries when EU investors go into China?

As for the last bullet point, I am not sure if there is currently a legal obligation to involve Chinese middlemen, nevertheless, in practice this is what very often happen.

I would be grateful for your comments to the issues.

Thank you very much in advance for your help,

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