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Subject: Meeting JLD with Mr [ART 4.1b] of UNIFE, 11 Feb 2014

Le 11 févr. 2014 à 18:57, "SUAREZ SANCHEZ Elena (TRADE)" <Elena.SUAREZ-SANCHEZ@ec.europa.eu> a écrit :

Meeting called by UNIFE (The Association of the European Rail Industry) to discuss with JLD [**NOT RELEVANT**], TTIP negotiations and [**NOT RELEVANT**]. UNIFE: [**ART 4.1b**], and [**ART 4.1b**]. COM: Antonio Parenti (C1), Marianne Gumaelius (B3) and Elena Suarez Sanchez (G3).

[**NOT RELEVANT**]

TTIP negotiations:

[**ART 4.1b**] explained that they are facing barriers with a negative impact on access to public procurement markets in the US, including localisation requirements. "Buy American" is a major constraint for foreign companies when local content requirements are set at unreasonably high level (i.e. 90% to 100% in certain States such as Boston or California). JLD welcomed any concrete input on this from UNIFE and reassured UNIFE that public procurement is a key offensive issue for the EU; [**NOT RELEASABLE**] progress on tariff should be parallel to progress on public procurement. [**ART 4.1b**] also clarified that UNIFE members are not interested in being part of the regulatory cluster of the TTIP. JLD informed on next steps, including the upcoming stocktaking at Commissioner level and the EU-US Summit on 26 March. He also commented on the public and political debates around TTIP and observed the very low engagement by the EU industry, particularly the French industry, on the TTIP.

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