

Subject: Report - Meeting with Turkey on the multilateral investment court (MIC) 22 Sept 2016

F2 ([*]) met with Turkish officials from Ankara (Head of Investment policy Dept) and their Brussels Delegation. TR had requested the meeting as a follow-up to the non-paper the Commissioner had handed to the TR trade minister in the G20 in July. They had posed a number of questions on the non-paper.

COM explained the parallel ongoing processes, first within the EU (Impact assessment, initial reactions of Member states) and then externally. We noted the intention to hold a discussion at the OECD (TR will be present) and then to seek to organise an expert meeting in Geneva in December. We also mentioned CM's intention to organise a mini-ministerial on this, but without being specific on when. [REDACTED]

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Discussion on substance consisted of COM outlining its initial thinking but emphasising that this has to be a bottom-up project and that EU would not seek to impose a particular approach. [REDACTED]

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COM gave an overview of interest noted up to now.

TR then asked some questions about Singapore Opinion,

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