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Dear Christian, dear [REDACTED],

Please find below the report of yesterday's event.

On 1 March 2017, Christian Burgsmüller, Member of Cabinet of Cecilia Malmström, spoke at a "Roundtable on EU Trade Policy" organised by the Trans-Atlantic-Business Council (TABC). The roundtable was moderated by Tim Bennett, Director-General/CEO of TABC. Participants included TABC members. Mr. Burgsmueller was accompanied by [REDACTED] in the Cabinet of Cecilia Malmström.

Mr. Burgsmüller highlighted that the consent of the European Parliament to CETA marked a very significant step forward in EU trade relations. Provisional application of the agreement would probably start from 1 April 2017. Concerning the trade relations with the US, he stressed that – until the confirmation of future USTR Lighthizer by the US Senate – it was still too early to speculate on possible ways forward. However, a positive transatlantic agenda was clearly in the interest of both parties. Finally, Mr. Burgsmüller gave a brief overview of the current priorities of the EU trade agenda, including i.a. the conclusion of the negotiations with Japan, the modernisation of the existing FTAs with Mexico and Chile, and the negotiations with Mercosur.

Best,

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