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FLASH REPORT

Delegation: EU DELEGATION TO JAPAN

Art. 4.1(b) Report prepared by:

Date: 18 MAY 2017

1. Subject of report: Sir Michael Rake, BT Group (Chairman)

Sir Mike visited Japan for a farewell tour ahead of his retirement this autumn.

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Sir Mike expressed the views

that the successful conclusion of the EU-Japan FTA will lay the ground for solid EU-UK-JP trade arrangement needed to avoid disruption of supply chains and to retain JP investments in the UK.

3. Detailed report: BT Group are one of the UK's major communication services companies with over 100,000 employees and revenue of EUR 27 billion in 2017. Their Chairman, Sir Michael RAKE (hereafter Sir Mike), visited Japan to undertake a series of meetings with Japanese industry and the Japanese government in respect of BT's business in Japan. He met with the Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan, Viorel ISTICIOAIA-BUDURA, on 18 May. This was the second time that they had met, the previous occasion being October 2015.

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[Redacted] Sir Mike expressed the view that the successful conclusion of the EU-Japan FTA is a unique opportunity to lay the foundations for a mature EU-JP and UK-JP trade arrangement which could avoid disruption of supply chains and help retain Japanese investments in the UK. [Redacted]

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