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**EU COMMERCIAL COUNSELLORS' MEETING**

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**2. State of play on approach to investment**

Regarding how to **approach investment** for FTAs, the approach is now to separate investment from the FTAs as such, and have two separate agreements – one agreement for the FTA (EU exclusive competence), and one separate agreement for investment protection and dispute settlement. While this approach has not been officially proposed to Japan yet, the basic thinking has been informally conveyed to Japan. This new approach, which has been reflected in the negotiations mandate for Australia and New Zealand, has been discussed with

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3. Debriefing of recent visits and events

● Visit of EP S&D group led by Mr Silva-Pereira  
The standing rapporteur for the EPA at the European Parliament, MEP Silva Pereira, was in Tokyo 19-21 September. He had meetings with MOFA, METI, Chief Negotiator Suzuki, Diet Members, Keidanren, NGOs, Rengo and academics. Key messages delivered were:  
- The EPA has been positively received in Europe.  
- Sustainable Development chapter: it would help if the enforcement provisions could be beefed up to the direction of the TPP approach, so a review clause to look into the matter in the future should be added like it was done in case of CETA.  
- ILO core conventions: it would be useful if Japan could show progress towards ratification of at least one of the two ILO conventions it has not yet ratified.  
From the **European Commission standpoint**, at this moment in time the negotiation on the Sustainable Development chapter is closed.

Art. 4.1(b) ● Visit of [REDACTED] paid a visit to Japan 25-26 September, during which he met with government officials (MOFA, METI), the Diet Research Bureau, as well as the European Business Council. The main themes discussed during his visit were the ratification process of the EPA [REDACTED]

Out of scope On the **ratification process and timeline**, the idea would be for both EU and Japan to submit the text to the Diet/EP during autumn 2018. On the EU side, the idea is to start the legal scrubbing and translations as soon as possible, to submit the agreement for approval by Council during summer 2018, and to have the European Parliament consent before March 2019 [REDACTED]

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4. Dialogues and meetings

● EPA negotiations  
The EU Chief Negotiator, Mauro Petriccione, is in Tokyo to finalise issues that had not been concluded at the time of the agreement in principle in July. The various working groups in

charge of these issues will be meeting the week of 10 October in Tokyo, while the Chief Negotiators will also discuss these issues directly.  
Mauro Petriccione will do a debriefing to the HoMs on 12 October at the EU Delegation.

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